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KILLER LOOKS

By MICHAEL RIVER

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Following a manhunt that covered three counties last December, 26-year-old Ann Gelic was apprehended and immediately quarantined — from men.

"She's a menace," said police Capt. Albert Buck, who made the arrest while the woman was innocently doing her Christmas shopping. "It's not her fault, but until we figure out how to fix that we have to keep Ms. Gelic in isolation."

The problem, according to Buck, is that the woman literally has killer looks.

"Three men had died by the time we had identified and apprehended her," Buck explained. "One of them spotted her on the street and walked into traffic. Another happened to glance at her while driving and crashed into a lamppost. A window washer saw her in her office and fell from a platform four stories up."

Police were put on Gelic's trail by a helpful butcher.

"She is just so lovely, so winsome," Jason Freeb said. "When she walked into my shop for a gift box of meats, I was so distracted I cut off one of my fingers."

We asked police psychologist Julie Wince why Gelic is only now causing this kind of reaction.

"Until recently, Ms. Gelic had been in a long-term relationship," Wince said. "She was 'closed down' to other men during the three years she had a boyfriend, and was depressed when it ended. As soon as her unhappiness lifted — just a

'Three men had died by the time we had identified her'

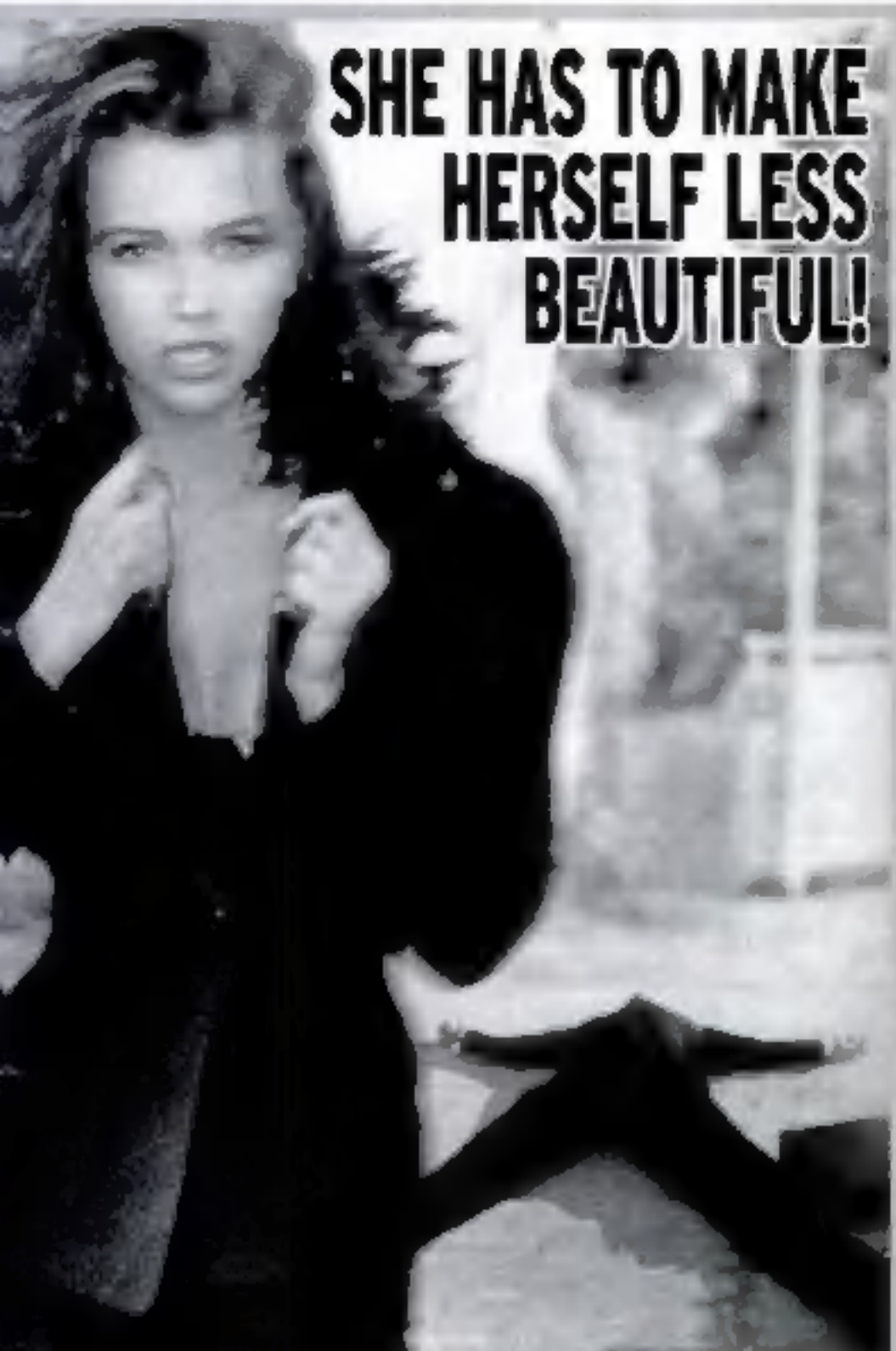
care of herself [illegible] and began to [illegible] renewed life and beauty. She became a true femme fatale."

After discussing the situation with Gelic — who protectively wore a Santa beard left over from Christmas — the police convinced her that she [illegible] had to change her appearance.

"Whether that means wearing a mask, gaining weight, or putting a paper bag over her head, she has to make herself less beautiful," Buck said.

Although Gelic was upset, she offered a compromise, which the police department accepted.

"She's not going to pig out or hide her face," said Gelic's attorney Bette Smith. "However, she agreed to wear a black veil until she finds another boyfriend. That may cause a few black eyes or concussions, but what can you do?" The



SHE HAS TO MAKE HERSELF LESS BEAUTIFUL!

MUSICAL CONDUCTOR

By PATRICK KIRK

CLEVELAND – During the Ohio Classic Orchestra's performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, maestro Herman Goldberg experienced quite a shock – literally.

"At the end of the piece, bolts of electricity shot up from the floor," said Cynthia Young, the first violist. "They struck our conductor who fell from the stage."

"Maestro Goldberg is an electrifying stage presence," said first chair Glenn Richerow. "But this is the first time he's ever been electrified."

Aside from his charred clothes Maestro Goldberg was dazed but unharmed. At the hospital Dr. Richard Cressman tried to figure out why the conductor was electrocuted.

"I found a few cases in the medical database where a conductor had been the victim of electrocution," said Dr. Cressman. "There was nothing common about the locales or onstage wiring, so it had to be something else."

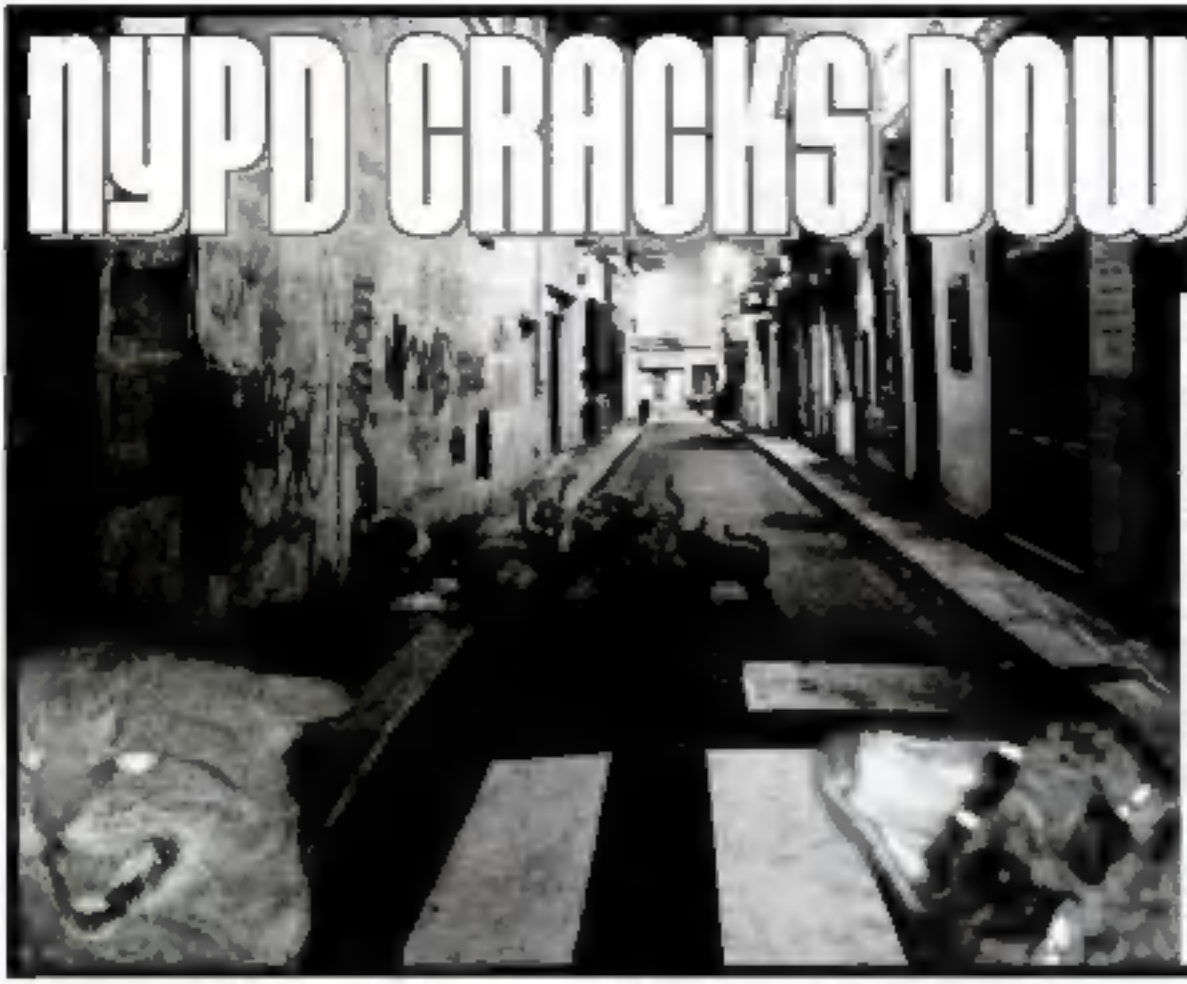
After interviewing several musicians and audience members in the forward parquet section, Dr. Cressmen found one common element.

"Everyone said that Maestro Goldberg's arms were fully outstretched when he was zapped," said Dr. Cressman. "It's possible that in the same way a telephone converts sound into electricity, conductors occasionally convert the powerful sound of the orchestra and chorus into a single powerful discharge."

The concert hall management immediately ordered rubber-insulated podia for its conductors and is shortening the length of batons so they don't act like lightning rods.

"We're also treating the scores with

NYPD CRACKS DOWN ON



By WILLIAM STEWART

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — The days of stray cats having control of city streets are about to come to an end.

"This used to be a clean town at night, till cats started to overpopulate," said Brooklyn activist Henry Miller. "At first, their nocturnal predation kept the rat and pigeon population down. But now the dynamic has changed.

"The cats are moving in packs, like shrimpy bears and are more arrogant than usual."

Over the past few months the police have been receiving more complaints about sidewalks covered with overturned trash cans, fish bones, empty tuna cans and half chewed toys — all left

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS

SOUND OFF!

'THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL' WOULD GO OUT DURING DUBYA'S TERM IN OFFICE!

DEAR EDITOR, So there's no more 'light at the end of the tunnel,' huh? Go figure that it would go out during ... what do we have to look forward to? It's like there's no end in sight now! I also understand no one can fight it back up again. Well maybe we need a new president to spark it up. If it was shining before George W., then maybe it will shine after. Or maybe we could get a former president to go over there .... Do you think Clinton is available to offer up his 'special touch?'

– James Ray, Savoy, Ill.

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Dear Editor, I think inventor Dawon Burger's idea of building a giant air-conditioner to cool the earth (Aug. 29, 2005) is a good idea, but isn't it obvious that his timing is all wrong?

News flash: It's winter!

Why would we need air-conditioning now? What we really suppose it makes perfect sense.

Just how ironic is it though that this president has the lowest

warming up your car for 30 minutes before you leave the house. No more bundling up in 17 layers of clothes. Winter would be so much more bearable!

– Greta Canuck, Hampden, Maine

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Dear Editor, I am the Thumb Wrestling Champion of my high school and I'd like to challenge the mob of thumb-wrestling gorillas (Nov.

CAT LITTER!

'There is too much cat litter in this town. If they don't start picking up their garbage, we're going to pick them up!'

by cats, according to eye-witnesses. Police Captain Manuel Bergman has put together a task force to deal specifically with this problem.

"The Quality of Life laws aren't just for people. They apply to animals as well," said Capt. Bergman. "There is too much cat litter in this town. If they don't start picking up their garbage, we're going to pick them up."

The task force has already started setting up checkpoints every 10 blocks and is equipped to deal with the problem.

"If a cat so much as coughs up a hairball and leaves it, we'll know," the captain insisted. "Our men will dangle balls of string from the rooftops. When the cat goes to play with it, we'll pounce."

The men also have tiny handcuffs designed for cat paws. Once caught they're put in small sacks and whisked to a rehabilitation center.

"Before we let the cats out of the bag, we train them in the art of civilized behavior," said Bergman. "For those who can't be trained, there's the river. As in 'up the river' not in it."

So far the police have had great success with their feline hunt.

"I'm used to seeing our boys bring in human beings in cuffs," said Sgt. Robert Bower. "Now, when a cop brings in a perp, we look to see what cat he's dragged in."

T, 2005) to a tournament. I figure that if I win against animals too – and not just people – then I could really take the World Champion title!

You hear that, Mom?!? World champion! Bring on the gorillas!

– Tim Jacobs, Lennon, Mich.

You must make your mother very proud, Tim.

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor, It's about time someone finally figured out a positive use for the static shock you make when you slide slippered feet on carpet (Dec. 26, 2005). I love the idea of heating your home with Slipper Power!

The only use I could ever come up with that charge was shocking my sister when she and I were little. Boy, I used to get her good! And my mother always yelled at me, but if she'd only known how useful what I was doing could really be – it would have saved me a ton of punishment, and her a bunch of money!

– Samuel Fishbein, Jenks, Okla.

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR

Super trooper

CAN anyone think of a better inspiration to obey the law than this uniformed beauty? This week's Page 5 Girl is New York native Barbara Kamali who says she likes modeling, dancing, '80s music, Italian food, movies with Tom Hanks and her pet cat Leila. She currently works as a commodities manager and says her goals in life are to always look, feel and be her best, and to one day have a beautiful family of her own.

From Roosevelt's lovable Teddy Bear

STUFFED ICONS OF HISTORY'S MOST

By LEONARD McCOY

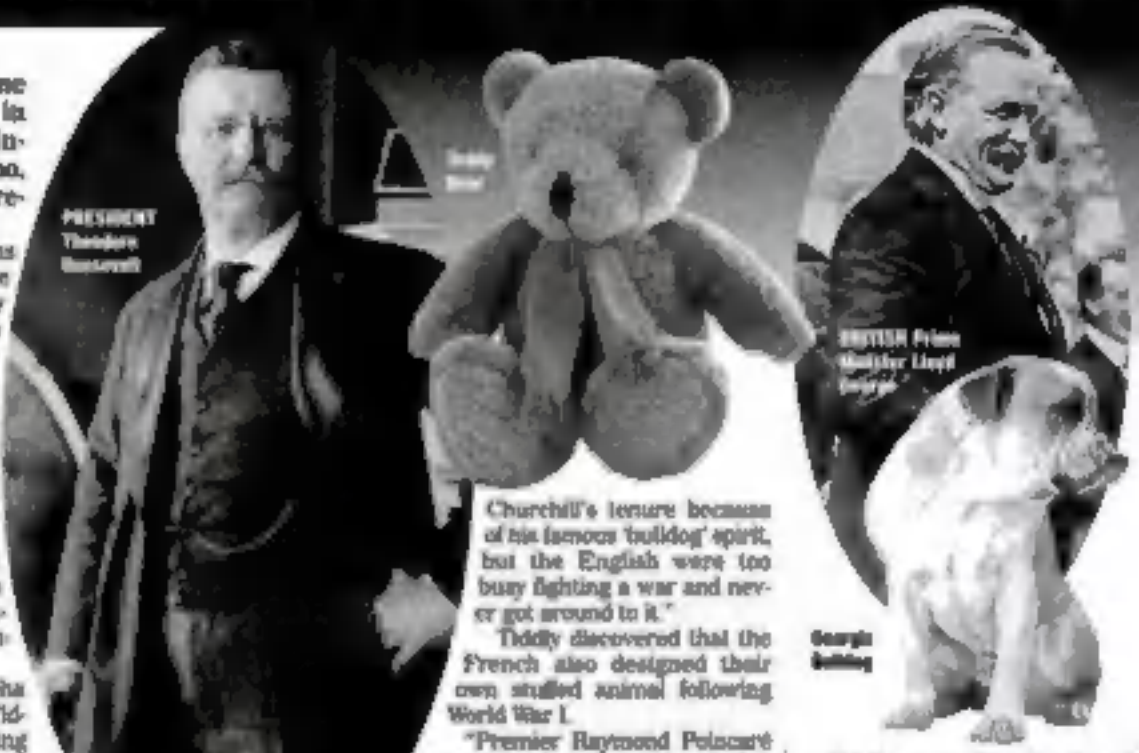
WASHINGTON, D.C. — One of the most popular toys in American history was inspired by a President who, while on a hunting trip, refused to shoot a bear cub.

"In 1902, the Teddy Bear was named in honor of Theodore Roosevelt's environmentally sensitive act," said historian George Tiddly, who has traveled the world in search of rare toys. "However, Teddy was not the first or only world leader to have a toy made in his image.

"The first potentate known to have a toy animal named after him was the Ramses Camel of Ancient Egypt," said Tiddly. "Because the name is now associated with birth control and smoking, it is little mentioned these days."

"Next came the Kamehameha Goose of Hawaii in 1810," said Tiddly. "The rather overweight king was flattered to be depicted as a slender goose — until he found out it was female. The item was discontinued.

"Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain wanted to one-up Roosevelt by creating a toy that depicted English tenacity," said Tiddly. "In 1918 he ordered the manufacture of a toy bulldog. However, children did not warm up to the rather ugly [illegible] and it was quickly withdrawn. There was talk of reviving it during Churchill's tenure because of his famous 'bulldog' spirit, but the English were too busy fighting a war and never got around to it."



Tiddly discovered that the French also designed their own stuffed animal following World War I.

"Premier Raymond Poincaré was very popular with his people," said Tiddly. "Toy maker Rabe Orsberg created a stuffed animal that captured not only the leader's quiet manner, but the French fondness for peace. Though the Raymond Rabbit was embraced at first, it became an unfortunate mascot during the next war.

"At the same time the French and English were looking for animal leaders, the Russians were busy trying to recapture their own legacy," Tiddly went on. "The bear had been a strong Russian symbol for centuries. Rather than surrender it to the United States, Lenin ordered factories to produce Lenny Bears, which were

France claims Louisiana Purchase was only a rental

By JONATHAN PIKE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The French have done some pretty annoying things over the years, from smelling us noses to putting quiche above the good old hamburger. Now, however, they have launched their most audacious effort yet.

"They want us to return

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to Mao Tse-tung's feared dragon . . .

POWERFUL & INFLUENTIAL LEADERS!

Ramses Cartel — Kamehameha Gonzo — Lenny Bear — Dragon

five times larger than Teddy Bears."

Unfortunately, few people could afford the bears or had enough room to keep them.

"Across the border, Mao Tse-tung had a stuffed dragon created in his likeness to keep people's fighting spirit up during the chaos of the Cultural Revolution," said Tiddly. "However, many considered Mao to be so vicious as a person that the dragon actually weakened their resolve. Mao himself had them discontinued and distributed his Little Red Book of sayings instead."

Perhaps the least successful national animal came from Spain.

"It was made in 1925," said Tiddly. "General Primo de Rivera didn't realize the Primo Spanish Fly was a salute to his virility. It lasted only a few weeks and was the only stuffed animal to result in a flurry of executions."

Meanwhile, Tiddly is checking into rumors that the Democratic symbol — the donkey — is being reconfigured for the 2008 presidential election as a stuffed toy called Hillary's Ass.

– & DEMANDS ITS RETURN!

"We don't care what you think," Andre Louis, the French Minister of Overseas Development, stated the obvious. "In our country it was known as the Louisiana Rental. President Jefferson leased that land for a period of 200 years in exchange for 60 million francs and the waiving of French debts to American citizens. We gave the U.S. an extra three years because your current Purchase was. He's had enough time. We want the land back."

Louis visited the White House last week and provided President Bush with documents showing proof of rental.

"We've searched our own archives and only found purchase papers," said Stalwart. "If Jefferson merely rented that land, we have no evidence of that whatsoever. We're not going to never forge anything like that – so we're just going to have to look into this further."

The French said we could keep the Gulf Coast, provided we don't let any other refugees into their part.

"If that isn't bad enough, the French are also insisting we give them back something else," Stalwart said. "They're

ELDERLY MAN DIES OF RARE AGING DISEASE!

ANNEALER, Pa. – An 92-year-old former stone quarry worker died last week from what experts believe is premature fossilization.

Hector Ramos was found by his son, who became worried after not hearing from him for four days. "I talk to dad every day," he said. "So I knew something was wrong."

The elderly man was found lying in bed, petrified like a 10,000-year-old skeleton. Since fossils are formed when organic matter is replaced with minerals, an autopsy was medically impossible because of the man's advanced condition.

"It was always our family's inside joke that he was as old as a fossil, so knowing that's what he died of almost makes it easier for us to deal with," the son said. "I wish it hadn't

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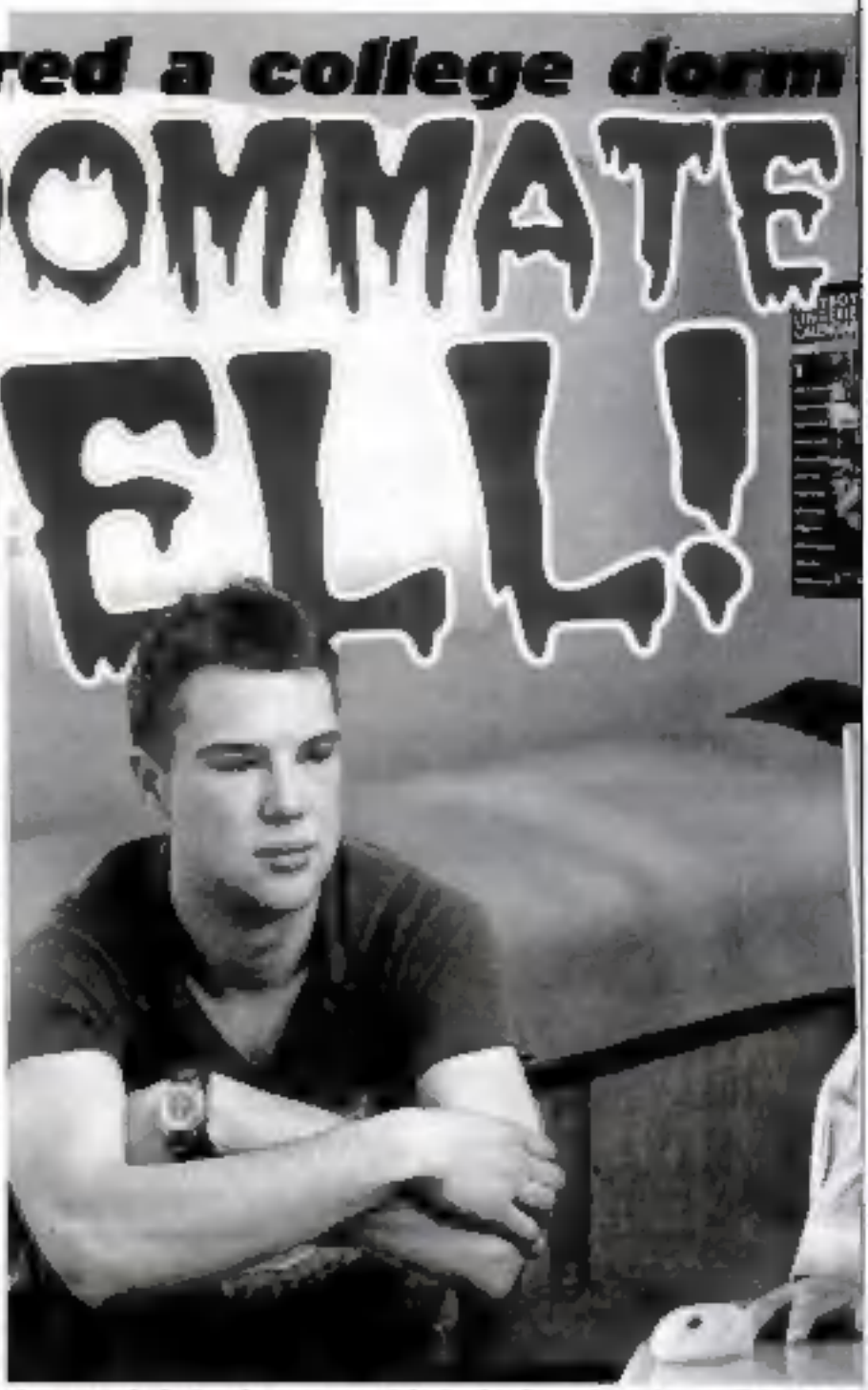
I shared a college dorm ROOMMATE HELL!



By PENN T. GRAHAM

MODESTY, Mass. — Virgil Dante, a sophomore at the prestigious Ovid Business School, returned to his dorm after summer recess to discover he had a new roommate.

"That wasn't so unusual, though I was disturbed to learn my old roomie had perished in a strange, red mist while returning to campus," Dante told *Weekly World News*.

"As I walked in, my new roommate Johnny Brimstone introduced himself. He was a well-tanned young man with slick black hair and slender, angular looks. He said he had just transferred from Tartarus Junior College and was anxious to start courses in advanced accounting and logistics.

"Brimstone told me his dad was a real taskmaster and that if he didn't make the Dean's List, 'There would be hell to pay.' I laughed and told him my folks were pretty strict, too."

Dante said Brimstone's accent was a little hard to understand, but he thought he was from Australia.

"I thought he was saying 'Oz' a lot, so I figured he was from Australia," Dante said. "I'm not sure if I misheard him, or maybe I misunderstood his accent, which had more than a trace of 'down under.'"

"As the semester got going, Brimstone barely slept," Dante said. "He was always sneaking — from under his collar. It made the room kind of toasty but it was weird. I thought maybe he was allergic to something in the dorm, or that the stone might be heating for a crackup. I tried to convince him to have some fun."

"No way," he said. "I'll have all eternity for that. I've got to learn how to keep track of souls or I'm really screwed."

"It sounded like his dad ran a big shoe company from home. Brimstone forged ahead and when the mid-term results were posted he had made the Dean's List," Dante told us. "When I went in the room to congratulate him, I found him all packed for spring break. I asked where he was going."

"Hoome," he said. "It's

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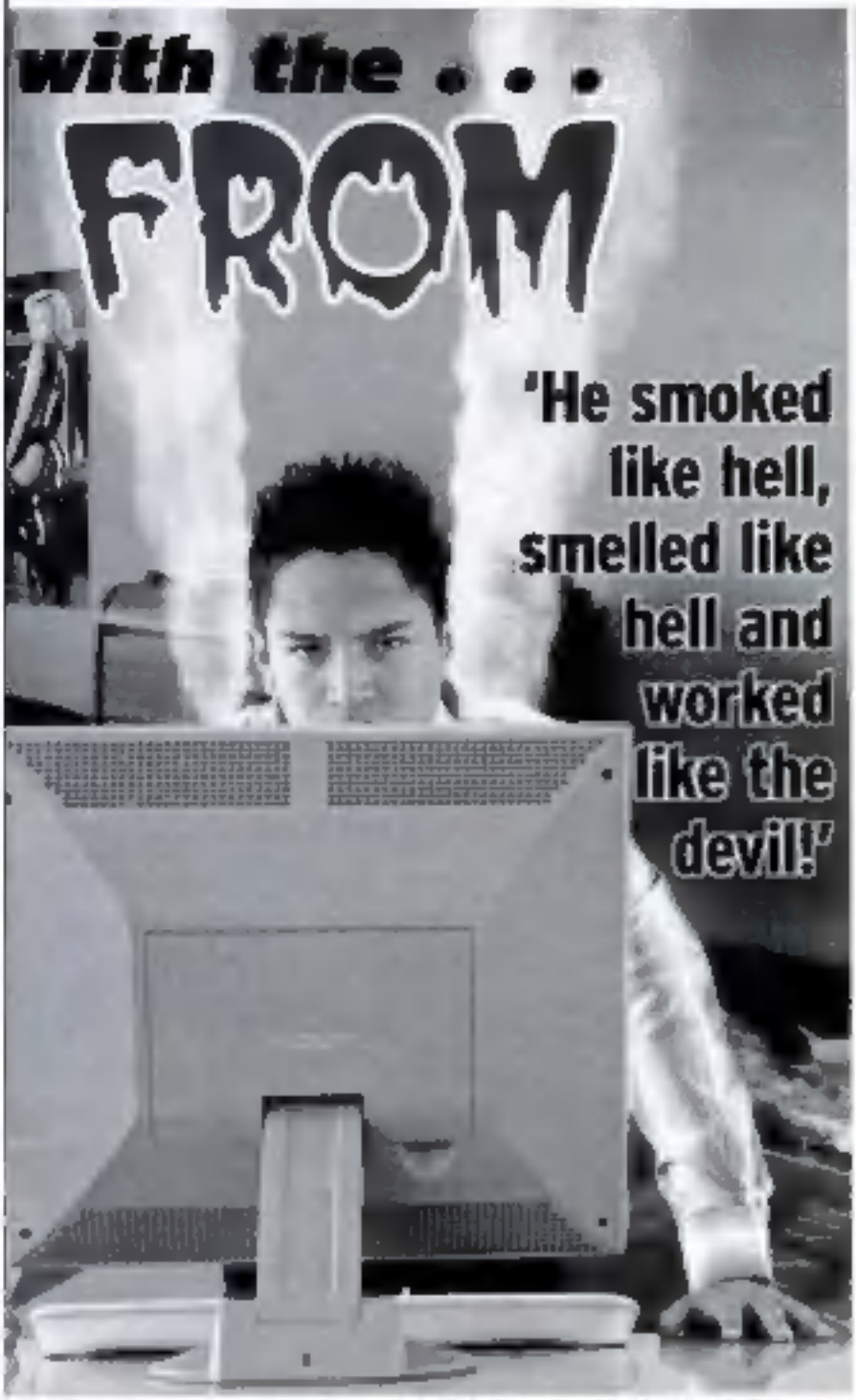


deadly-serious expression. "There's still plenty of room."

"I was beginning to think that this was some kind of frat prank," Dante said. "So when Brimstone took a phone call, I snuck a peek at his open laptop. What I saw made me cringe!

damned souls.' According to this document, Hell was modernizing and someone known as SOS-JB was in charge.

"I didn't have to be poked with a pitchfork to figure out that 'JB' was Johnny Brimstone," Dante said. "And SOS? That could only stand for

his phone call, Brimstone excused himself and went to chat.

"I immediately transferred to the University of Labrador, which was as far as I could get on such short notice," Dante shuddered.

"Things are going well, though I do miss one

HEADLINES FROM TOMORROW!

by CHUCK LEE

AFTER opening a popular Chinese restaurant in Manhattan, Chuck Lee discovered that eating large amounts of hot mustard enabled him to foretell the future. Chuck shares his remarkable predictions with *Weekly World News*:

WASHINGTON, D.C., 2008 – Due to the unsuccessful presidency of George Bush, Congress passes a law that allows a president to serve for just one term.

WASHINGTON, D.C., 2010 – Still thinking about George Bush, Congress passes a law that only allows a president to serve for one term of two years.

MANHATTAN, N.Y., 2011 – Because of higher fuel costs, garbage companies can no longer afford trucks. They begin using garbage cars. Trash is put in the trunk. Bags of garbage sit for days longer in city streets.

BOSTON, Mass., 2012 – Due to the increased snowstorms caused by global warming, towns and cities throughout New England begin installing 'salt hydrants' that automatically spray salt on the roads after blizzards.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., featuring living organs, mutant creations, and bodily waste – cities begin to require that people get a yearly 'artistic license' which gives them permission to create art.

PORTLAND, Ore., 2014 – Along with blowup mattresses, stores begin selling blowup chairs, tables and dressers to help apartment dwellers save space.

MIAMI, Fla., 2015 – To help two-income families with their housekeeping, stores begin selling self-cleaning rugs and carpets. These are made from living fibers that eat dirt.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., 2021 – A new internet service called Inline service debuts. People's minds are downloaded on the Internet where they can interact with others.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., 2022 – Mindtheft is the newest internet crime.

Mercury-poisoned fish benefit the environment:

'NATURE'S THERMOMETERS' HELP FIGHT GLOBAL WARMING

By MAUD BECOURREL

CLOUDED HILLS, N.J. – The environmental crusaders of EarthFury International set out last week, speeding toward an illegal mercury-dumping operation off the New Jersey coast. But – to the polluters' surprise – EarthFury's activists hadn't come to stop the poisoning of these waters.

"We sent a team to help push about 400 tons of mercury-contaminated waste into the sea," said Paul Hunter, skipper of the organization's ship *Peace Avenger*. "We've discovered that mercury-poisoned fish – which cause brain damage and birth defects if eaten by humans – can be read like thermometers. They are helping to provide great insight into global warming trends."

According to EarthFury, mercury accumulates in the brains of predatory fish such as tuna. Heat from the seawater causes the mercury to expand just as the mercury in a thermometer rises from the glass bulb into a calibrated tube. Scientists aboard the *Peace Avenger* catch the fish, see how far the water temperature has pushed the mercury along the fishes' vertebral columns, then use the ribs as an index to record the temperature of the water from which the specimen was pulled.

"If I have one regret about my work," Hunter said, "it's that I have to visit so many places defiled by human industry.

"Look around you," he went on, indicating New Jersey's industrial landscape. "This is the butthole of the Earth. But then, I suppose it's a fitting place to

New communication system un-hackable

DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY

By MICHAEL KIRK

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Due to the growing number of citizens now attending protests – from peace marches to anti-death-penalty rallies – metropolitan police have been forced to devise more effective methods of crowd control.

"While most protesters obey the laws, we do end up arresting a good number of people for unruly or reckless behavior," said Captain Philip Law. "Dragging them with batons or firing tear gas is unwieldy. We needed something safe."

That's where 'tow trucks' come in.

"We now have the ability to convert regular tow trucks into vehicles that haul people away," said Captain Law. "The back of the trucks can be quickly outfitted with a harness that has two dozen five nylon lines. At the ends are adjustable cuffs, which are slipped around the toes of the troublemakers.

"Thanks to the proliferation

COMPUTER NETWORK SENDS MESSAGES THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE LITERALLY

By VINCENT CANBY

ST. HELENA, Calif. — In these valleys renowned for brilliant wines and advanced electronics, computer scientists from Pacific Occidental University have successfully transmitted digital information across the vines of the Clarin Estate winery.

"We're calling it the Vintner-Net," said Grapevine Project chief Lee Norden.

Lee and his fellow researchers first conceived their grapevine network last year, as a natural next step for digital correspondence.

"The Internet is the first communications system able to operate through any kind of conductive copper telephone wires, fiber optics, coaxial lines," Lee said. "Here in wine country we are data up to our eyeballs in miles of natural cable. We were determined to find a way to get it all on-line."

Lee's solution was "continuous." Usually, water and nutrients travel along a grapevine at a rate of three feet an hour. Sometimes, however, small bubbles form around salts and particles.

Ordinarily, the bubbles cause damage to the vines when they burst. Lee's engineers discovered that artificially induced and carefully controlled cavitation could create a string of luminously small bubbles that zip along the vine at speeds approaching the high teens of standard Internet connections.

"We attach a computer to one end of the grapevine," Lee explained. "The computer sends an electrical impulse to the chamber which lowers the pressure inside the vine's transport tissues. Bubbles form, new ones pushing the old ones along. Their fragile shells vibrate in binary code.

"The last bubble bursts when it reaches the receiving computer at the other end of the grapevine. There, the electrically charged bubble emits a flash of light specific to its vibration."

A photovoltaic cell in the computer decodes the erratic, bubbling grapevine light-talk as it would any data stream.

"The system has a lot of advantages," Lee said. "First of all, it's beautiful. I'll take arbors and trellises and climbing vines over ugly telephone poles any day.

"The grapevine's also unbreakable," Lee explained. "Grapevine transmissions carry with them the unmistakable grape flavor unique to every vineyard. And there's no taking them."

Lee also noted that the vines are unhackable in a literal sense as well.

"Even if somebody managed to cut through the whole length of them with a machete, they'd grow back faster than your ordinary Internet provider could fix a service interruption," he said.

"So we have complete protection of all the system's parts — cuticle, stomata, phloem and xylem,

BY A TOE TRUCK!

of sandals and soft athletic shoes, putting the squeeze on these jiggles is easy," Captain Law added.

Outraged Civil Liberties activists have begun protesting the use of the device, but most of them end up getting hauled away.

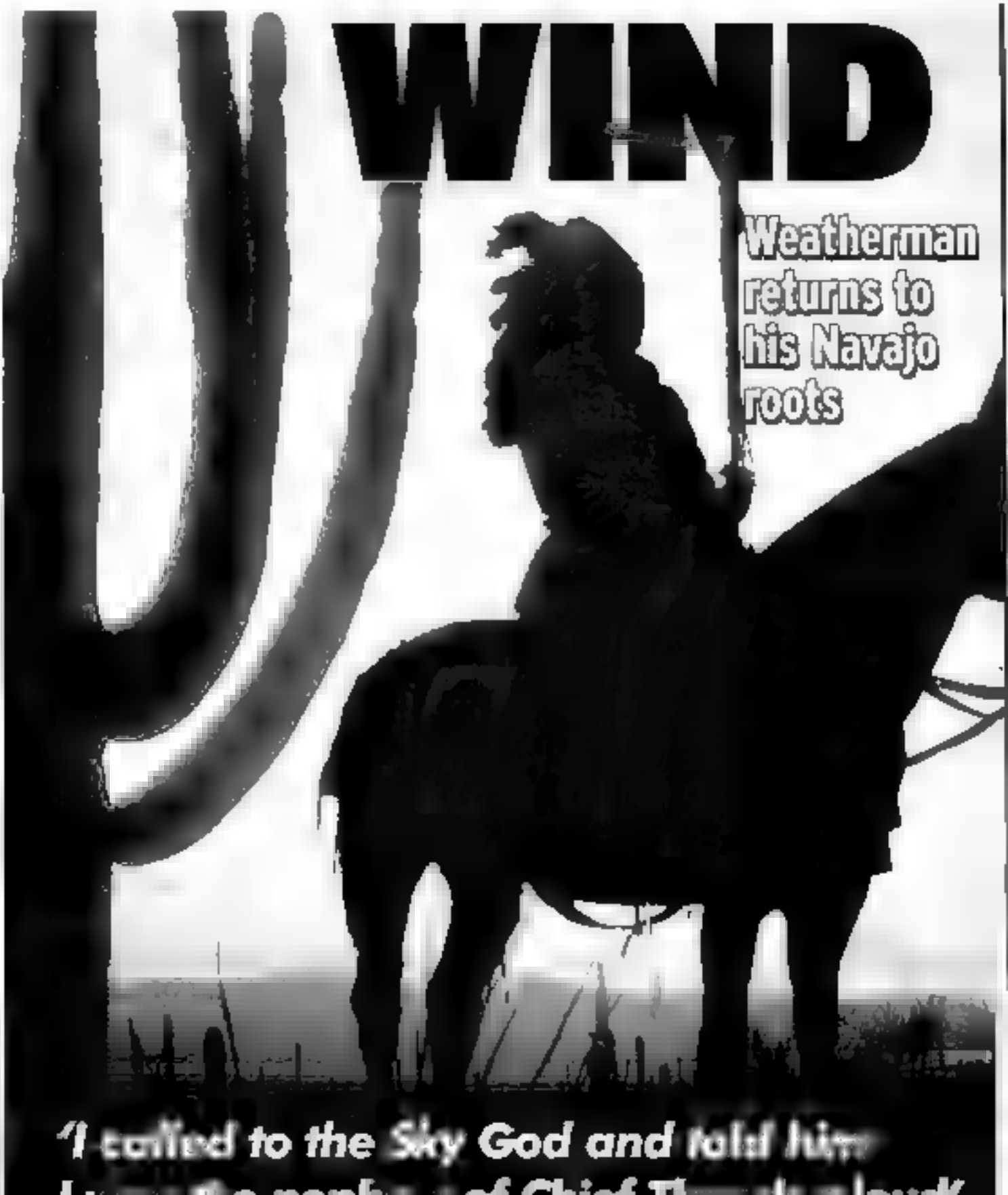
"Watching us drag a burnt blocking hearts down the street sends a powerful message to everyone else," said Captain Law. "It tells them to just go about their business and stop interfering with the process of government."

Encouraged by the effectiveness of tow trucks, the police are preparing to inaugurate a new and even more effective method of crowd-control.

"Once we start launching foot-seeking 'toe missiles,' they'll bubble all

WIND

Weatherman returns to his Navajo roots



"I called to the Sky God and told him

TALKERS

By DICK SIEGEL

COLUMBIA, S.D. — Jon Cloud, the meteorologist for TV station KNAV was having difficulty accurately predicting the weather.

"Like most TV weathermen, my degree of accuracy was about 85 percent. Cloud told Weekly World News. "Even with modern technology — radar, Doppler, barometric pressure, satellite tracking — I still couldn't tell my viewers with certainty whether they'd get rain or sun. Ratings were slipping and my boss wanted results. So I took the weekend off to visit my family.

"I knew that my grandfather, Chief Thundercloud, was a windtalker — one of the celebrated heroes of World War II who communicated coded messages in the unbreakable Navajo tongue. However, I discovered he was more than that.

"I am also a wind talker," Thundercloud said. "I speak to the Sky God. You must learn to do the same."

He told me that the Four Winds must sing Monad Ayt to sing and dance. He said I had to ask for their help in predicting the weather. I thought my grandfather had a few bees in his bonnet, but what did I have to lose?

"So I got to the top of the canyon as the winds were blowing scathing. Gene Cloud said. "I felt a little crazy asking for their help, but suddenly the winds started about me like dust devils whispering in my ear.

Sing, they said." Cloud recalled wistfully.

JON CLOUD learned to respect his elders and how to be a better weatherman.

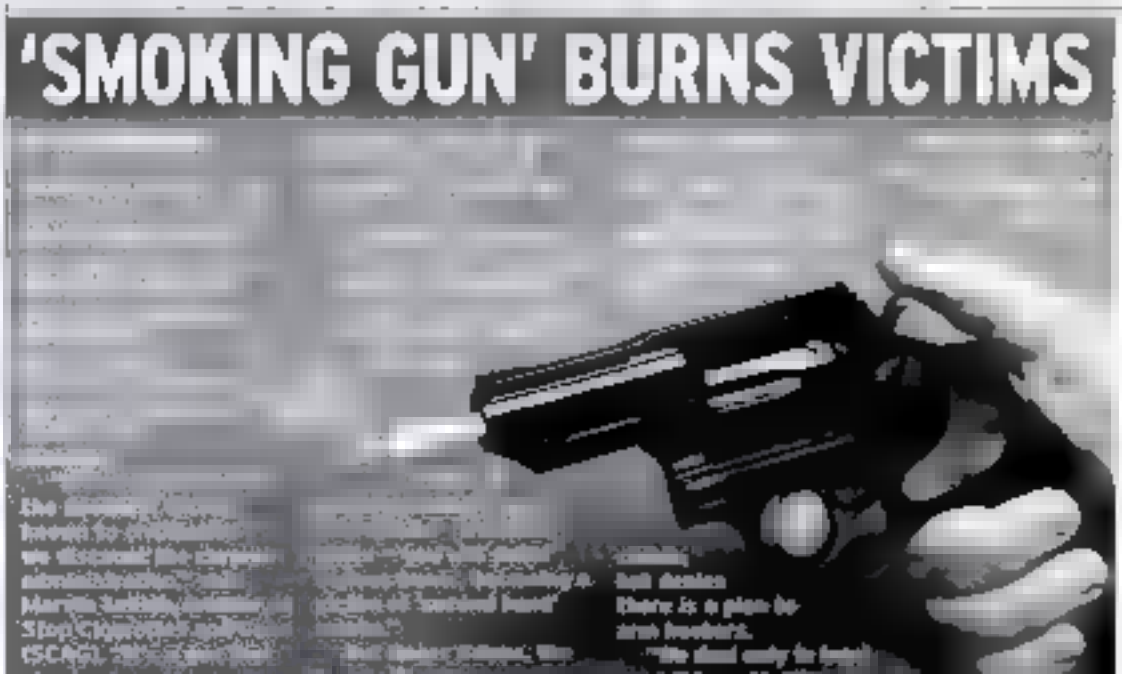
"I began to chant the traditional Navajo air 'Beauty of the Beautiful Sun' he said. "The Sky God seemed pleased with my selection. The Four Winds embraced me and lifted me several feet from the ground. They had accepted me as a 'wind talker.'

"They asked, still whispering, what they could do for me. I explained about my job and the problems I was having. The Four Winds assured me they would help.

"Since then, each morning, their little sister Gale blows in and lets me know what the weather will be," he said. "Since then my forecasts have been 100 percent accurate and ratings have soared.

"Not only that but my grandfather showed me a chance that has come in handy on several occasions," he added. "I am now the only meteorologist in the world who can make it rain at the drop of a hat."

'SMOKING GUN' BURNS VICTIMS



NO MORE COMMAS – PERIOD.

HAMBURG, Germany— Linguists around the world are united behind a common cause – Kill the Comma! "You don't have to tell me when to stop and breathe," said Niles Chapman. "What a waste of punctuation."

Publishers doubt the group will succeed in their comma-ending crusade, but many are still

Weekly World Humor

In the first year of marriage, the husband speaks and the wife hears. In the second year, the wife speaks and the husband hears. In the third year both of them speak, but only the neighbors hear.

The world is in pretty bad shape. Pessimists are upset, though, because they never had it so good!

A construction foreman had 10 very lazy men working for him. One day he decided to trick them into doing some work for a change.

"I've got a really easy job for the laziest one here," he announced. "Volunteers."

Nine men raised their hands.

"Why didn't you put your hand up?" he asked the 10th man.

"Too much trouble," was the reply

One afternoon, a wealthy lawyer was riding in the back of his limousine when he saw a man eating grass by the roadside. He ordered his driver to stop and he got out to investigate. "Why are you eating the grass?" the attorney asked.

"Because I have no money for food," the poor man said.

"Come with me then," instructed the lawyer.

The man answered "But sir, I have a wife and two children!"

"Bring them along," replied the lawyer. The whole family climbed in.

Once underway the poor fellow said, "Sir, you are too kind. Thank you for feeding all of us with grass."

The lawyer replied, "No problem. The grass at my house is almost a foot tall."

Then he was the man who destroyed his health by drinking to other people's.

A carpet layer had just finished installing carpet for a lady. He stepped out for a smoke but realized he'd left his hammer in the room. Under the carpet, was a bump.

"It's not worth cutting up the entire floor for one pack of smokes," he said to himself. He got his hammer and proceeded to flatten the bump.

As he was cleaning up the lady came out.

"Here," she said, handing him his pack of cigarettes. "I found them in the hall. And if only I had had my hammer!"

A man returned from Africa feeling very sick. He visited his doctor, who immediately rushed the guy to the hospital. The man woke up to the ringing of a phone in an empty room at the hospital. He picked it up.

"Hello?"

"We've received the results from your tests," said the doctor on the other end. "Bad news – you have Ebola."

"Oh, dear God," cried the man. "What am I going to do?"

"Don't panic," the doctor told him. "First, we're going to put you on a diet of pizza, pancakes and pita bread."

"Will that cure me?"

"No, but it's the only food we'll be able to slip under the door."

The Sunday school teacher asked, "How many of you want to go to Heaven?"

Every hand went up except Jerry's. Surprised, the teacher asked, "Don't you want to go to Heaven?"

Jerry said, "Not if these kids are going!"

A boy came home from school and told his mother he'd gotten a part in the school play.

"Wonderful!" the mother said. "What part is it?"

"I play the part of the husband," he replied. The mother frowned.

"Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking role," she said.

If quitters never win and winners never quit, what doit came

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

The little boy greeted his grandmother with a hug and said, "I'm so glad to see you, Grandma. Now maybe Daddy will do the trick he's been promising us."

The grandmother was intrigued. "What trick is that, dear?" she asked.

The little boy replied, "Daddy told Mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit us again."

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1 Do you have serious money problems? ❑ YES ❑ NO

I am indicating the amount of money that I need urgently:

$ _____

2 Are you unlucky (do you feel like you've been born under a bad star)? ❑ YES ❑ NO

3 Are you working? ❑ YES ❑ NO
Are you retired? ❑ YES ❑ NO

4 Are you married or did you have a spouse? ❑ YES ❑ NO

5 Are there major problems in your love or family life? ❑ YES ❑ NO

6 Do you feel lonely or misunderstood? ❑ YES ❑ NO

7 Do you feel as if a spell has been cast on you (like someone has put bad luck your way)? ❑ YES ❑ NO

8 Have you ever won any money (even small amounts) at the lottery or other games of chance? ❑ YES ❑ NO

9 Are you caring for anyone right now? ❑ YES ❑ NO

IMPORTANT - I write below, in a few words, the question which disturbs me the most: IN CAPITALS:

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS EXTREME OPINION

MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

Big business puts price tag on American history . . .

PRESIDENT Abraham Lincoln

PRESIDENTS' DAZE

. . . an excuse to separate hard working Americans from their hard-earned money & turn all historical holidays into . . .

PRESIDENT George Washington

3-DAY SALES EVENTS!

ONCE AGAIN, President's Day is nearly upon us — the combined weight of **George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays coupled as one is super. Two of the most important American presidents bound in one big celebration.**

But of what? A three-day spectacular weekend extravaganza of sales and consumer frenzy, that's what.

People, there's something amiss and it has nothing to do with Honest Abe or the Father of Our Country (perhaps the first and last president who could not

day weekend or to encourage consumer spending. These two dates in particular were actually for remembering and honoring the births of those great men. Other holidays were created as a way to salute those who had died keeping the torch of liberty lit, exploring the seas, or fighting for civil rights. Not for spurring *Dollar Days Events* at the [redacted] gain store.

Sadly, the mass marketing of holidays has gone far beyond merely combining days or changing the name. It's created amnesia. For instance, Veterans Day used to be known as Armistice Day, the [redacted] November 11 should be remem-

to teach the young about war-time conflict.

Veterans Day (which signified Armistice Day in 1954) should be a separate day. And Memorial Day should be the time to remember all of those who sacrificed so much. By changing the names or [redacted] conven-[redacted], we obscure the reason a [redacted] the word *holiday* comes from, anyway? Hallowed Day.

[redacted] November 22, September 11. These are dates we recall with clarity because they remain linked to the attack on Pearl Harbor, the killing of President Kennedy and the assaults on

Making the situation even worse is the proliferation of so-called Hallmark holidays like Valentines Day, Mother's Day, Secretary's Day and the like. It is becoming more and more difficult to differentiate between the sacred cow, Christmas, and the [redacted] (Halloween) — especially when [redacted] is so much commercialization attached to them (cards, parades, "sales events").

We [redacted] clear the calendar of the clutter and allow the truly historic days, events and people to remain special to us. We [redacted] by unlinking those great men who are joined in the only way [redacted] has any significance at all: As presidents who devoted their lives to the creation and preservation of this singularly [redacted].

Security guard falls victim to occupational hazard when he becomes . . .

BORED STIFF!

SECURITY GUARD Vince Fuller

By MICHAEL [illegible]

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — "Nothing exciting ever happens at work," said Cheshire Clothes security guard Vince Fuller. "People here are really civilized. No shoplifters, no fights, nothing. It's so boring!"

After four months of mind-numbing inactivity, Fuller made a terrible discovery.

"I couldn't move my body," said the 54 year-old Fuller.

The guard simply fell over like a stack of clothes. He lay behind the security desk until one of the clerks noticed him and called 911.

Dr. Terence Stimp was the emergency room physician who cared for Fuller.

"I've seen this before," said Stimp. "Fuller's cerebellum became numb due to prolonged inactivity. That affected the autonomic nervous system, which shut down the motor functions of the body — like a computer going into hibernation mode.

"In essence, Mr. Fuller was bored stiff."

Excessive bored still is brought on by inactivity, i.e.: The brain becomes numb and the autonomic nervous system shuts down the body's motor functions.

"It was pretty much eradicated by the computer age. But anyone can have a psychosomatic response to ennui."

Mr. Fuller underwent exciting games. After two months he was able to return to work.

However, the manager of Cheshire Clothes decided not to take any chances.

"He has me folding clothes when there aren't many shoppers in the store, just to keep me busy," grumbled Fuller. "Unfortu-

THE FAMED CHARLIE HORSE DIES!

By JANE MILLER

LEXINGTON, Ky. – A muscle cramp is often referred to as a "charley horse." What most people don't realize, however, is that the painful condition is named for a real thoroughbred.

"Charlie Horse was a 1937 Kentucky Derby contender," said his jockey, 59-year-old Steven Lewis. "He was coming down the Derby's home stretch when Charlie Horse was stricken with one of his periodic leg cramps. I could see he was in pain but I whispered to him, 'Please, Charlie Horse, we need to win this one!' Charlie Horse nodded and proceeded to give that his everything he had. He just by a nose and Charlie Horse collapsed and died shortly after crossing the finish line, as I guess it was kind of a waste. The muscle spasm was named in his honor."

Lewis retired from racing and went on a devastating speaking tours, motivating audiences with anecdotes about Charlie Horse and working through the pain.

"The most rewarding moment came in 1938, when an elderly gentleman came up to me after a presentation," Lewis said. "He said he was an investor and thanked me for showing him that horse racing was an exciting

THE GAYEST AMERICAN HERO!

INVISIBLE MISS ADVENTURE'S REVENGE!

Strung

licking

By DREW SULLIVAN

LOS ANGELES — When Kevin Andrews returned to the United States after weeks of dangerous spy work for Her Majesty's Secret Service, he was looking forward to seeing his loved ones — and they looked forward to seeing him. Ironically, due to the screwball antics of a crackpot inventor, they were doomed to disappointment. Andrews was unseeable. He had become The Invisible Miss Adventure!

Andrews — fur-famed as the Gayest American Hero — had been commissioned by fashion legend Coco La Marsh and others to put an end to Professor Claude Balmesby Zitski's experiments in invisibility. They'd ruthlessly concluded that translucent people had no need to keep their bodies fit and trim — one, in fact, would they have any use for clothes.

"Invisibility would have put an end to the fashion industry and its ancillary fields," said Andrews. "It wouldn't have done the adult film business any good either, I might add."

Instead of stopping the nutty professor, however, [illegible] accidentally gotten a dose of Vano-Cream, [illegible] lotion. Miss Adventure also [illegible] glimpse of a shapely thief [illegible] hunt. Andrews remarked: "He [illegible] me out to engage [illegible] since his action had already [illegible] to make me think sparingly. I [illegible] there was no reason to argue the point. Actually, even though I'd taken off all my clothes, I couldn't see my point."

Miss Adventure fled Zitski's location at Nickles, Nelpins and Novelties — where the professor had rented a roof room — and embarked on a night of terror.

"Naked and on the road to insanity — which is the only way to describe Beverly Hills at Christmas — I began to ruin the people's doorbells, which was sort of cruel since being transparent, I didn't bother to ring. That was typical one day when I was standing at a door and someone came up behind me and tried to insert his key. Bones don't hurt — but it wasn't nearly as bad as when I spun around in surprise and he tried to turn the doorknob."

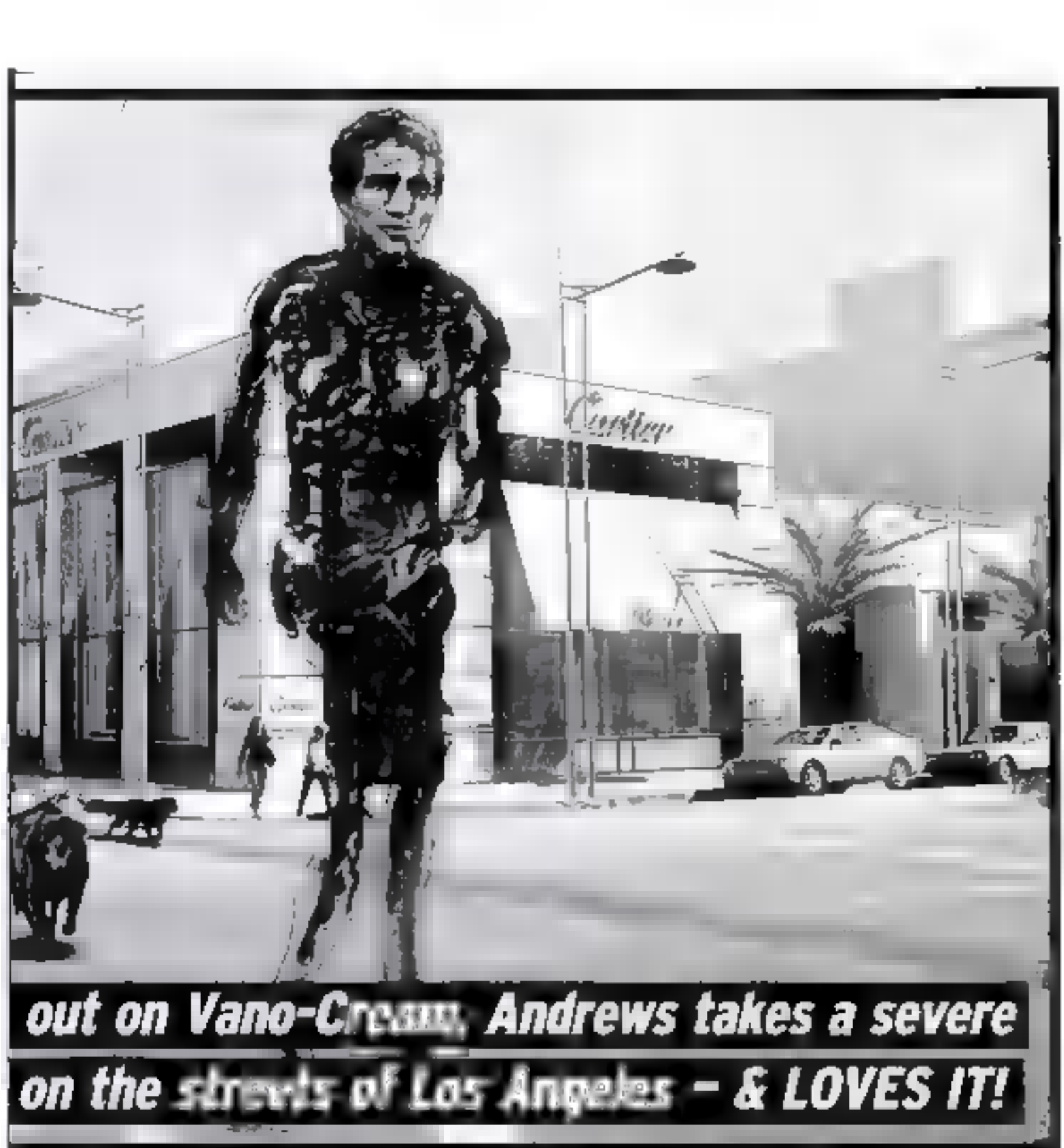
"Next, I decided to raise hell by knocking hats off the heads of men and women. For some reason it didn't terrorize anyone the way I'd hoped. They just thought it was the wind. I guess I shouldn't have been [illegible] since [illegible] done a great deal of [illegible] as I raced down the street.

"Zitski was pretty [illegible] but he gave me one last chance to panic the populace. [illegible] would be [illegible] for it. Unfortunately, my little prank [illegible] more romance than quarrels. [illegible] and the manager [illegible] and [illegible] seeking, I had to turn up the heat."

Miss [illegible] [illegible] for the sorry revival of The Night Stalker. Determined to make bad [illegible] standing next to him, he inadvertently slugged Miss Adventure instead — [illegible] ture fell into a frosting vat!

"I was covered! Exposed!" Andrews wailed. "I'd been warned [illegible] being [illegible] to water would make me visible but nobody said a [illegible] frosting."

"There I was, completely nuts



out on Vano-Cream, Andrews takes a severe
on the streets of Los Angeles – & LOVES IT!

striction. I fled the bakery and ran down Rodeo Drive — and before I knew it I had every dog in the neighborhood on my tail. Or what they thought was my tail."

Soon the canines were joined by some ravenous shoppers and a half-dozen flatbeds. The mob ran Andrews to ground in front of the local police precinct and proceeded

I can put up a good fight when I have to," Andrews explained, "but I know when I'm licked."

Taken into custody, Andrews confessed her crimes. When the authorities stopped laughing, they arrested Professor Zitski and forced him to administer an antidote. Once again Andrews was the visible "Highly visible," Miss

"Not only were all charges dropped by the bakery, but I inspired a new cream-filled pastry. What's more, the professor got his own office at Nickles, Nobels and Nineties when it was discovered that Vano-Cream worked on rubber. He's found fame and fortune as the

still, Professor Zitski dreams of a day when society fully accepts invisibility," Andrews told us. "For now, he remains the only one who can 'see' invisibility as a lifestyle."

NEXT WEEK:

SKELETON CREW

They work their fingers to the bone

PORTLAND, Maine — Two years ago, factory owner Frank Wetter built his herb factory on what he was told was a vacant lot.

By MICHAEL Stone

"My herbal products business was really taking off," he said. "Everything went well until last summer when the prices started to rise. Getting raw materials to the factory became terribly expensive. I had to lay people off and I'm sure of the jobs myself."

One night as Wetter was looking for front door, it began to [illegible] he can to be car he tripped over something sticking up from the soft earth.

It was a skeleton hand, he said. "A kneecap I was kind of troubled out, though not nearly as much as when it suddenly started to move."

More than a dozen skeletons emerged from the ground in what Wetter later learned was an unmarked colonial-era cemetery. Wetter realized that the rich herbal residue from the factory had somehow restored sufficient life to the bones.

After getting a grip, Wetter asked the skeletons what they wanted.

"Instead of attacking me and eating my brains or something, they asked for jobs. Obviously the former work ethic was sort of alive and well."

Wetter put them straight to work — on the graveyard shift, of course.

"Since my skeleton crew started productivity has doubled," said Wetter. "They work their fingers to the marrow."

"And they don't need breaks," he added. "They just asked for a warm, dry place to 'pick their bones' as they put it."

A rose by any other name...

By WILLIAM STEWART

CLEVELAND, Ohio – An etymologist – someone who studies the origin of words – is an unusual enough occupation. However, Professor Peter Grey has narrowed the field even further.

"I'm a supernaturaletymologist," laughed the 55-year-old scholar. "I study the origin of names given to bizarre places and creatures. I became interested in this field 30 years ago when I was going through the diary of Sir Edmond Spelunker and discovered that before it was described as 'Abominable,' the infamous Himalayan 'Snowman' was known as the Butt Monkey Something-or-Other. Anthropologists finally decided these were undignified and settled on the current name."

"That same process has been applied to phenomena throughout history and around the globe."

Grey shared a few other discarded names with Weekly World News:

Bermuda Triangle: Bermuda Drain, Bermuda Death Trap, Bermuda Square ("That was before cartographers had mapped its real shape," Grey said).

Loch Ness Monster: Loch Ness Lizard, Loch Ness Snake, Loch Ness That Reptilian Bastard.

Bigfoot: Bear Thing, Ape Guy, Stinky Toes.

Jack the Ripper: Harvey the Swagger, Edgar the Pincer, Herbert the Dicer ("Not knowing the killer's real name caused the press to run several up the flagpole before the police settled on 'Jack' ").

Stonehenge: Rock Pile, Stone House, Obelisk Central, The Druid Club House.

Blarney Stone: Baloney Stone, Malarky Stone, Rubbish Stone.

Area 51: Area 1, Area 2, Area 3.

"Fortunately history weeds out the cheesy names," said Grey.

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WWN FOLLOW-UP!

HERE'S THE LATEST ON YOUR FAVORITE STORIES

By DORIAN

TO make sure our readers have the most accurate, up-to-date facts on the world's breaking news, *Weekly World News* will be providing regular follow-ups to some of our most important articles. Don't miss an issue, or you'll also miss the latest developments in our bizarre world!

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POODLE BOY!

THE AMAZING STORY

Doc turns couple's pet into their SON!

Poodle Boy (Oct. 21, 2008) was [illegible] his mom after [illegible] his parents the night of their 40th anniversary.

"One of his friends at school suggested it would be funny to [illegible] over to play dark," his mother told *Weekly World News*.

"He loves to dress up, so the [illegible] and mostly it makes us proud to watch him doing them, so everybody would have been fine if he had just let us know he was doing one."

"But he didn't," she said.

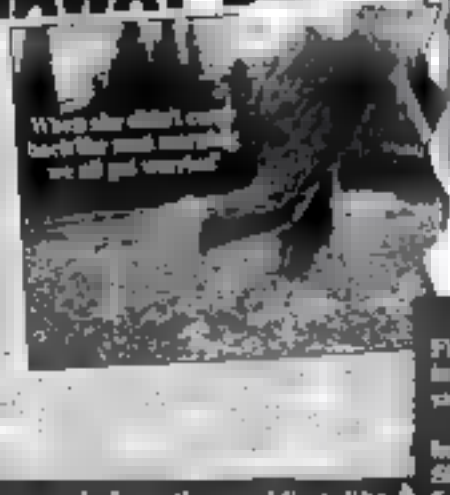
"I went into his room to wake him up in the morning and he didn't move. I really thought he was dead!"

Poodle Boy quit the trick before she called 911, but his mother still [illegible] was enthusiastically [illegible] to punish him.

"I know he was just playing," she said, "but this is one game that wasn't any fun."

BIG-COLD-FOOT BIGFOOT RUNAWAY BRIDE!

QUIET? SAY, CLAIMS SHE IS ABDUCTED BY ALIENS



We have the unfortunate responsibility of reporting to our readers that Carol, the runaway Bigfoot bride Linky & Zilch, and her [illegible] Bigfoot have filed for divorce.

"We had a feeling it wasn't going to work out," [illegible] [illegible] away before the wedding like that was a big, bright, blinking neon sign that things weren't right — and probably wouldn't ever be."

The couple, who recently celebrated their six-month wedding anniversary, tried "desperately

FROST THE BADASS

After helping put at least 25 criminals behind bars, Frosty the Badass Mascot (Oct. 17, 2008) has landed in jail. Police in Point Nobel, Alaska, arrested the [illegible] Monday and charged him with murder.

"We believe he was trying to bring another 'law-breaker' to where the alleged crime occurred," said Sheriff Tom Burton. "The chief punched Frosty in the face and his bullet apparently went off, striking the man and killing him instantly.

"We're fairly sure he didn't actually mean to kill the man," Burton said, "but murder is murder. We have to put this through the legal system."

Frosty gained a reputation around the town as being a "badass" just one day after he was built. Until [illegible] residents have been more than thrilled to have

SPECIAL COLUMN

THE BEST OF

NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS HAVE POTTY MOUTHS

HI, DOLLY: We live in a neighborhood [illegible] a lot of young children. When they play together they swear like sailors. Once, I asked a little boy playing with my child to stop cursing. He went and got his mother who bawled me out for "interfering." What is up with these parents and their my-child-is-always-right thinking? — Zelda of Fluxberg

Dear Zelda: Too many parents these days have read too many books on parenting. They're afraid to hurt their itty bitty feelings by actually disciplining them. You were right to tell [appy Larry to clean up in a public place. You may not win a popularity contest with some of the other ladies, but at least you're right in my book.

My [illegible] has a secret, second family!

Hi, Dolly: I've been [illegible] **12 years, and we have four children. My** [illegible] **to me this weekend that he** [illegible] **another family he sees when his sales job** [illegible] **him in their** [illegible]**. I feel betrayed but I** [illegible] **divorce him. Even if I get a** [illegible] **time job, it wouldn't begin to cover our** [illegible]**. — Betrayed in Dallas**

Dear Betrayed: Honey, I ache for you. Not just your husband's other family. What he did is illegal. It's called polygamy. You don't have to get a job. You have to get a lawyer.

Joe for three years and we have never had sex. At first [illegible] **was very nice and** [illegible] **that he was showing his respect for me. Obviously, something else is going on. What do [illegible]? — Bored in Boca Raton**

Dear Stephanie: Obviously your [illegible] *has a problem, either physical or mental. He may be asexual and* [illegible] *no need for sex. Or he may be a gay man who decided to stay* [illegible] *to please* [illegible] *stand. Staying* [illegible] *Joe isn't an option.*

My children are [illegible] trying to get [illegible]

Hi, Dolly: I have four children, ages 15-20. I overheard them talking about a 'rite of passage' which consists of drinking 21 shots of liquor. I don't think this is safe. Am I being overprotective? — Worried Mom in Missoula

Dear Worried Mom: Sugar the rite of passage your young'uns are talking about could be the passage right outta this life. Binge drinking is dangerous and only idiots do it. Stupid mistake of alcohol, particularly in large amounts, can cause a coma and even death. Talk to them. Ground them. Bribe them. Do whatever you have to do to stop them.

Cousin is jealous of me and her ex-boyfriend

Hi, Dolly: My cousin Sally and I both dated the same man, John. She knew him first, and when they broke up he asked me out. John and I recently celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary. The problem is Sally is so jealous my relationship succeeded she's just gone through her second divorce! that all she does is talk about the time she spent with him in front of everybody. I can't stop seeing her because we attend the same family functions but it's driving me nuts! — Upset in Coronado

Dear [illegible] *Will have every right to be upset. The best thing to* [illegible] *day her prince will come — but not when she's* [illegible] *spittin' acid. No man wants that. It might help if you ask John what turned him off to your cuz. Chances are, whatever it was — she's still doin' it!*

Ex's [illegible] might be [illegible]

Hi, Dolly: What is the etiquette for a former spouse attending her ex's funeral? Bob and I split 20 years ago on amicable terms. He remarried shortly after. His wife [illegible] **me for no specific reason** [illegible] **speak to me. She told one of my children to tell me not to show up at Bob's funeral. I say too bad, he is still the father of our two children. Can I be turned away at the door of the church? — Not Wanted in Alaska**

Dear Not Wanted: Yes, it is possible to turn utterly unwanted funeral [illegible] *the door.* [illegible] *man or woman in charge of the funeral is trained to do so — nicely but firmly. You have to decide if attending Bob's funeral is worth the ugly scene that may take place. If you don't go, make sure your children understand why. And don't forget: God hears your prayers from wherever you are.*

My [illegible] [illegible] himself [illegible] I [illegible]

Hi, [illegible]**: I'm 17 years old. My** [illegible] [illegible] **namesake,** [illegible] **by!** [illegible] [illegible] **three years ago. I try to talk to his mom who still lives in the neighborhood, but she blames me for her** [illegible] [illegible]**. She's convinced I**

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Hi, Dolly!

THE COUNTRY'S BOLDEST ADVICE COLUMNIST ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS – BUT YOU ASKED FOR IT!

[illegible] kind young man to hang in [illegible] with Mom while she's whompin on your [illegible] feelings. She feels guilty and [illegible] the rap on you makes her feel [illegible]. Let her think what she wants, but [illegible] in this [illegible] sweet bunch of yours that you are not responsible for your friend's actions. And [illegible], if you're reading this, I urge you to seek professional help.

Is my artist [illegible] crazy or just quirky?

Hi, Dolly: I am married to an artist whose bizarre behavior is considered 'amusing and quirky' by other folks, but I'm not laughing. Here's one example: When we have to go somewhere, Antonio won't leave the house until he makes sure the stove is off, the mailbox is empty, the cat's water is clean and the air pressure in the tires is correct. Sometimes he'll repeat the routine three or four times until we can finally [illegible]. He says he's just very [illegible]. I think he's a [illegible] case of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. I know Antonio's stressed [illegible] but the poor boy [illegible] himself! [illegible] must observe strict [illegible] or they fear their lives will fall apart. Urge your spouse to visit a mental health professional. The disorder is treatable with a combination of therapy and prescription medication.

Be careful! Helium can kill you

Hi, Dolly: Last week, two teens working in a party store in our town were 'fooling around' taking hits off the helium tank so they could talk like Minnie Mouse. One of the teens dropped to the floor dead. The doctor says he literally 'blew his lungs apart.' Let your readers know that while the helium in a balloon may be harmless, the compressed gas in the tanks can be deadly. — B.B. in California

Dear B.B. Your [illegible] who inhales just to say "Howdy" in a [illegible] squeaky voice [illegible] always felt that puttin' [illegible] in my [illegible] was [illegible] and old [illegible] was just out dumb.

Do I have to send presents to everybody?

Hi, Dolly: When you receive an [illegible] in the mail from an acquaintance, a friend or family member, no matter how remote, must you [illegible] them a gift? We get birth[illegible] and anniversary announcements [illegible] people we haven't seen in a decade, then I get angry because I feel trapped into buying a present! Am I just being selfish? — Sidney in Green Acres

Dear Sidney: [illegible] letting anger splatter [illegible] good news. I'll say that [illegible] thinks enough of you to [illegible] announcement — even if they are fishing for a gift — you should at least [illegible] your [illegible] for a card return, that's their problem. On the other hand, if you feel like sticking your card to a little [illegible] or [illegible] or fountain pen, I'm [illegible] it will be appreciated.

Should my brother-in-law be my new gynecologist?

Hi, Dolly: My new brother-in-law is the best OB/GYN doctor in our state. He [illegible] me if I wanted to [illegible] my gynecologist to [illegible] as his services [illegible] free to family members. It would be great to receive free medical care but I'd be too embarrassed. Am I crazy? — Uncomfortable in Birmingham

[illegible] Uncomfortable. No. He is [illegible] to the American [illegible] Association, it is unprofessional [illegible] unethical to provide a family member with free medical services. If the [illegible] found out your brother-in-law's license would be at risk. Explain what you've learned. If your brother-in-law listens, it could stop him [illegible] getting into much trouble. Needless to say, keep going to [illegible] current [illegible].

My [illegible] [illegible]

Hi, Dolly: My fiancee is infatuated with Tom Cruise. She has pictures of him tacked up all over her room and a tattoo on her arm with his name inside a heart. She sends [illegible] cards to him. She even yells his name when we are intimate. How can I get her to stop? — Rodney in Idaho

Dear Rodney: Many of us ordinary [illegible] fantasize about certain celebrities, though we keep it kinda quiet — especially when we're in a tub-for-two — and the candle [illegible] to grow low after a while. Your lady is over the top and may be on her [illegible] becoming a [illegible]er. Suggest that she get help. If that doesn't work, choose some wall coverings that appeal to you both. If she won't agree, tell her how cute [illegible] think [illegible] pictures are. Bet that'll [illegible] the fantasy well pretty quick. By the way, bless you for [illegible] in there with your [illegible] woman. A lot of [illegible] men [illegible] [illegible] walked out ages ago.

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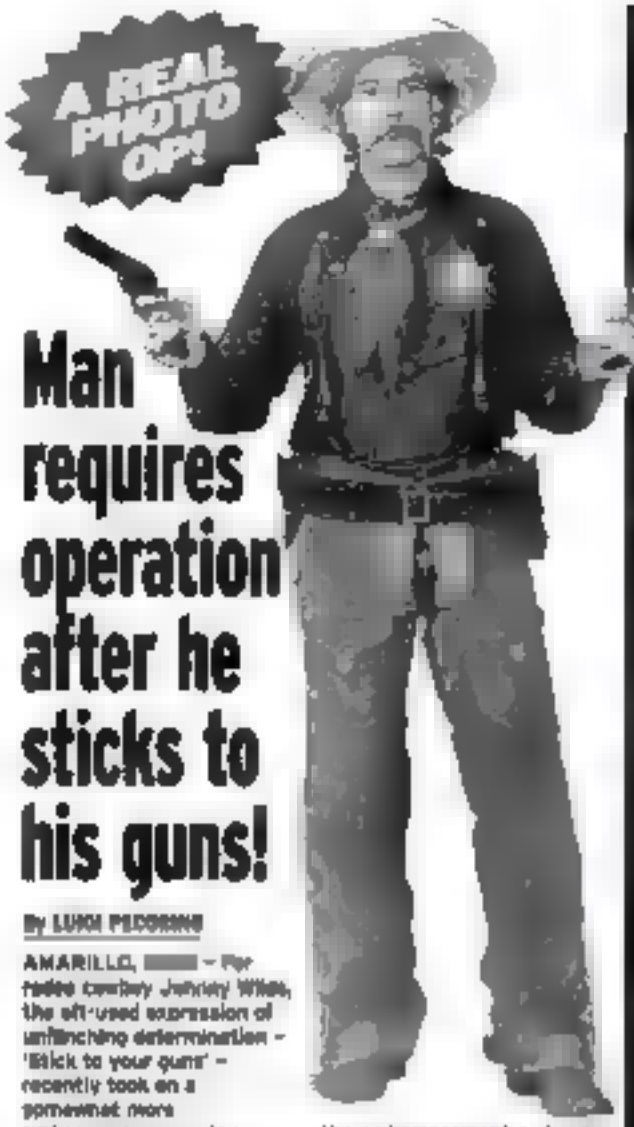
Send Dolly your letters and questions – and let her tell like it is. Write to:



Man requires operation after he sticks to his guns!

By LUIGI PECORINO

AMARILLO, [redacted] – For rodeo cowboy Johnny Wilde, the oft-used expression of unflinching determination – 'Stick to your guns' – recently took on a somewhat more embarrassing meaning.

"My girlfriend Debbie popped into my garage workshop," Wilde recalled. "She was trying out a new digital camera and wanted to take a shot of me with my guns. So I stopped the repair work I was doing, and grabbed my trusty Colt Sharp Shooters.

Debbie took a couple of photos, then asked me to put the guns in a holster and draw – and I couldn't.

"They were glued solid in my hands!" Wilde said. "The glue I'd been using to fix parts of a vintage flintlock had probably spilled on the guns. The stuff is supposed to be the strongest glue in the world and I'm gonna have to agree, because for the life of me I could not pry those firearms from my hands."

Wilde's friends were soon on the embarrassment and call a few buddies to come over and help.

"They couldn't budge those guns, either," he said. "And it hurt like the dickens when they tried pulling them off. They finally had to drive me to the hospital emergency room."

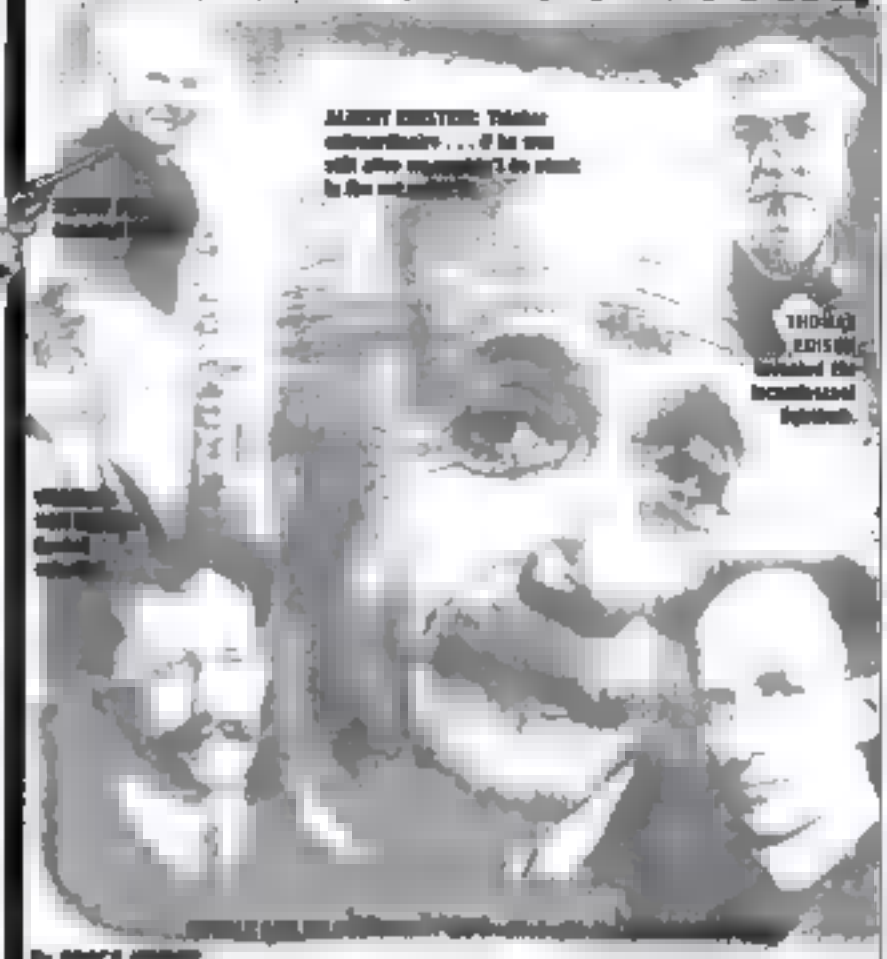
After a two-hour operation, physicians successfully separated Wilde from his guns.

"It would've taken charles, but the surgeon had to be real careful," Wilde said. "Those guns were loaded.

"I'm never going to think of the term 'handguns' the same way.

"In the future, I'm gonna make every effort not to stick to my guns," he said. "Of course, now my buddies have something to laugh about for the next 10 years, but what

Gone are the thinkers like Ford,



By [redacted]

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Movie theaters are cluttered with remakes, the pace of computer technology has slowed, and the next mission of our country's space program will bring us to the moon — again.

"Human ingenuity has hit a wall," said think tank analyst Morton Uppley, who actually crunches the data from think tanks, "and several new government reports say there's no end in sight."

The first sign of trouble came late last year, when a top-secret experimental airplane commissioned by the U.S. Navy rolled off the assembly lines of Prior Aerospace, Inc.

"Our inspectors reviewed the aircraft and realized that it was exactly the same as the last plane our contractor had developed for the military," said Rear Admiral Buck Ward.

Admiral Ward immediately checked the rest of the military's advanced research projects. He found that 80 percent of the supposedly cutting-edge weapons systems in the armed forces had already been invented, declassified and spun off for civilian use.

"They discovered that most of their X-projects were actually ex-projects," Uppley commented.

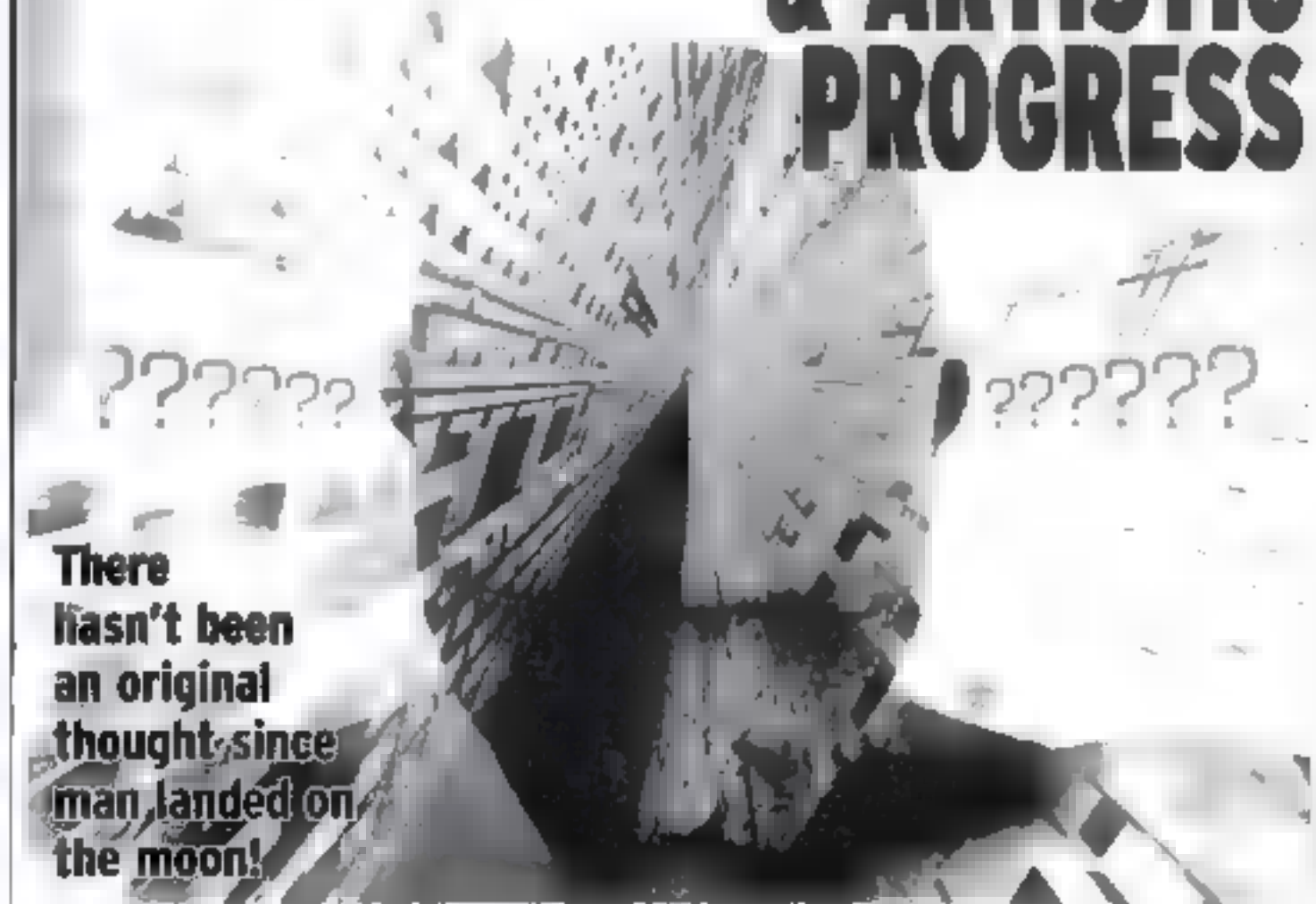
Hastily commissioned surveys outside the military revealed that civilian innovation was faltering at the same alarming rate. The experts agreed on the cause: Excessive inventiveness in the 20th century was to blame.

"We spent our ideas too quickly," said Uppley. "In a few short years we invented the automobile, air travel, the Theory of Relativity, manned space flight, nuclear fission, genetic engineering, television, Weekly World News and so on. We've had poor innovation planning and now we're paying the price."

While governments and research institutions worldwide are running on empty think tanks, a new initiative to save progress is already in place. The Bush administration has appointed Edward Vance as overseer of Washington's new Department of Ingenuity.

Einstein, Edison, Von Braun & the Wright brothers!

GLOBAL IDEA SHORTAGE WILL END TECHNOLOGICAL & ARTISTIC PROGRESS



program, "Think Before You Think," is already being tested in the town of Headway, Miss., where television and newspaper ads discourage pointless daydreaming, looking at both sides of an issue and playing devil's advocate.

"If this fails, the country might Reserve, a stockpile of unused American innovations from the 1930s to 1950s," Vance said.

The idea Czar remains tight-lipped about the concepts locked in the reserve, but reliable sources have showed Weekly World News archived inventions such as the the Homemaker's Nuclear Oven.

Critics of these programs point out a fatal flaw: "In trying to conserve creativity, they're using creativity like crazy," said Uppley.

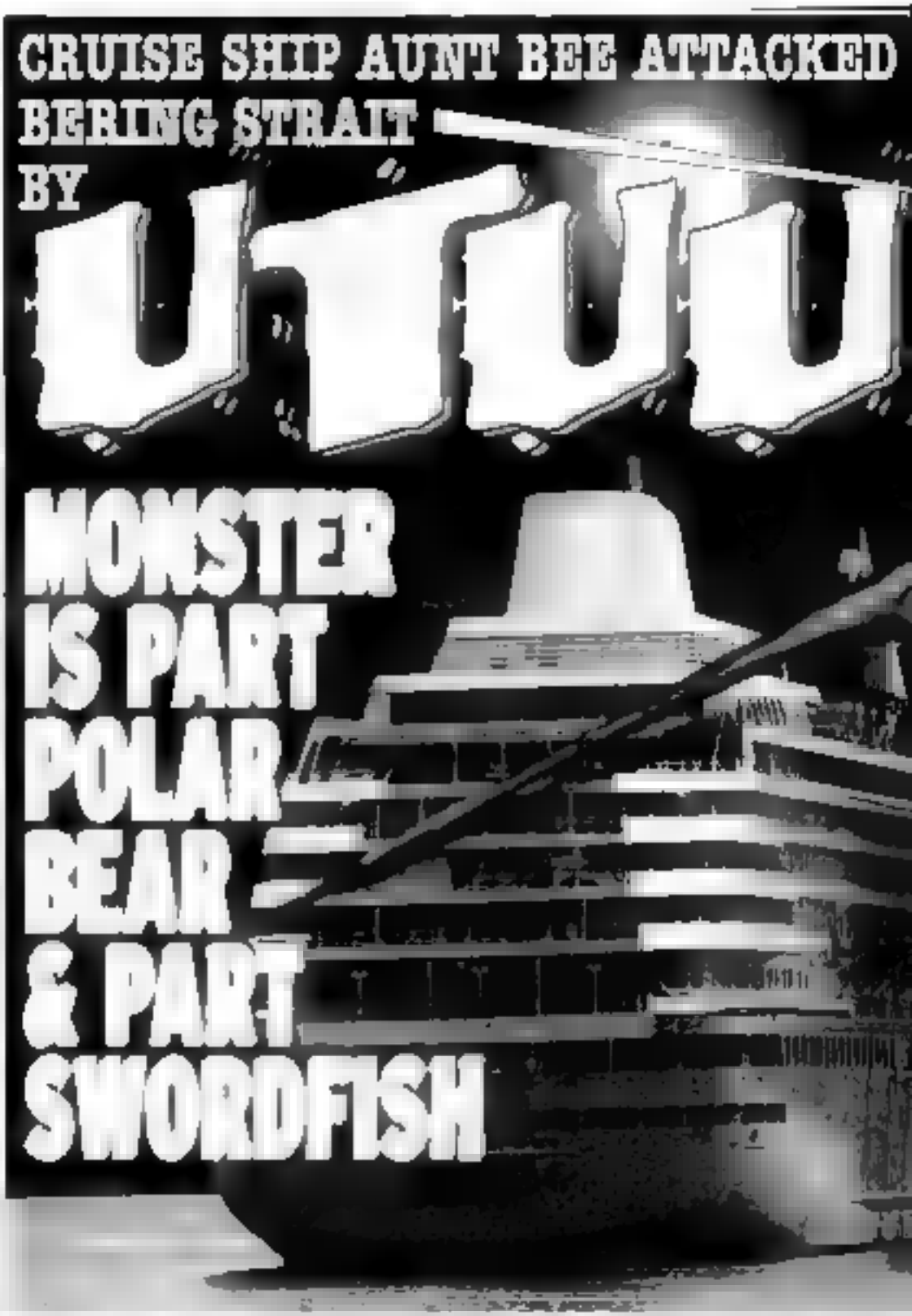
However, Vance sees no alternative but to stay the course.

"If none of these emergency

up plan ready, called 'No Brainchild Left Behind,' " Vance added. "We'll relocate smart little kids to an island and see what they can come up with over time."

Vance denies rumors that the camp is nicknamed 'Guan-

CRUISE SHIP AUNT BEE ATTACKED BERING STRAIT BY UTUU



MONSTER IS PART POLAR BEAR & PART SWORDFISH

By DICK SIEGEL

NOME, Alaska — A pleasure cruise in the Bering Strait was recently attacked and [illegible] under [illegible] circumstances. The sole survivor of the assault on the liner *Aunt Bee* was first mate Sid Rodrigo. [illegible] had been on [illegible] when — according to his [illegible] testimony — horror [illegible] beneath the frozen sea.

"We were five days out of Anchorage," Rodrigo told *Weekly World News*. "Passengers were sightseeing in dinghies while others were fishing from the deck. We were hauling in some big catches when suddenly the [illegible] went dead. There was nothing — not even a minnow. Suddenly, one of the passengers pointed toward the rocky coastline. [illegible] remains of a beached whale. The poor, dead giant looked like it had a losing encounter with the propellers of a submarine.

"We notified the Oceanic Environmental Agency [illegible] recalled all the boats," he went on. "We continued the cruise, hoping the [illegible] was a fluke of some kind. It wasn't.

"I was topside about 3 a.m. when this sloshing sound rolled in from an approaching fog bank. I thought it might be an [illegible] so I alerted the bridge [illegible] had already picked it up on sonar.

"We were about to change course when the huge mass bobbed up on the whitecaps and headed toward the boat at over 60 knots. Icebergs don't usually move that fast and I chuckled to the navigator that it might be Utuu, the sea [illegible] of local Aleut legend.

"I was whistling past a graveyard, though I didn't know it [illegible] time.

"I squinted through my night vision binoculars. As I focused, a [illegible] roar bellowed from the fog. [illegible] I saw a massive object [illegible] a [illegible] A really *big* bear.

"Rising up from the water was an enormous white polar [illegible] over 50 feet tall. It had a pointed snout and a big fin on its back — just like a swordfish! It lumbered toward us as I sounded the alarm.

"Fred Kilgallen, the boat's scuba instructor, was on deck within moments. He fired a spear gun at [illegible] slapped [illegible] with a swipe of its massive paw. My crewmate flew at least 20 feet up and was swallowed by the night.

"[illegible] — which I think was Utuu — [illegible] assault a [illegible] of [illegible] fire to no avail. I held tight to the [illegible] as Utuu angrily shook the boat from side to side. One by one, people flew into the icy sea. [illegible] Utuu pushed the boat from his

"I [illegible] screams, though I didn't see very much," Rodrigo [illegible]. "I was too busy holding onto a floating section of the boat — from below. There was a pocket of air so I could breathe and hide.

AND SUNK IN

be crawled on top of the rickets to keep from freezing. The sun rose soon thereafter, warming him somewhat. It was just a few minutes after dawn when the OEA ship found him.

city thermized. "Assuming the sailor hadn't been drinking — which I'll grant him since it clearly wasn't an iceberg that destroyed the Aunt Flo — the creature he described is most likely

era. Most likely scientists of the frozen beast had made their way into Alert bay. With the recent advent of global warming, Ulluu's icy prison melted, freeing this snow devil of legend."

OEA reports that fresh animal carcasses have been reported by natives inhabiting the region.

"They say it's Ulluu," Professor Brennon reported. "If it is, let's hope there's just one of him —

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

By DORIAN WAGNER

1880
Wart thwart

DETERMINED to get people to stop staring at her, a Vermont woman had a rather large wart removed from the tip of her nose. For some reason, however, it always grew back within a couple of weeks.

"I've had it taken off three times, but no doctor has been able to get rid of it for good," she said.

After the fourth removal, elders in her city held a meeting to discuss the possibility the woman was a witch. "Witches have warts," was the stand one took. "So if this wart won't go away, then she was meant to have it and must be a witch."

The rest agreed and, rationalizing it as their "public duty," they agreed to report her to the authorities. She was burned at the stake three days later.

1934
Star power

A MAN actually caught a falling star!

"I saw it coming and grabbed it out of the sky just like a pop fly!" Jack Binno said. "I see shooting stars all the time, but I've never heard of anyone actually catching one."

Binno said he phoned NASA to see if the fallen star was safe to take it home and they assured him it would only harm him if he ingested it. "Obviously I wasn't going to eat it, but I don't know – anything that comes by itself like that – you just have to wonder," he explained.

Thrilled to find it was safe, he took his catch home, placed it on display in the center of his coffee table and "lit the whole living room for free with it."

Falling stars are typically just meteors. NASA explained, which meant this must have been some sort of new phenomenon. "We're fairly positive it was a chunk of frozen light from the supercold depths of space – not a star," a spokesman said. "But there wasn't any reason to rain on the man's parade or confuse him with details. It was much easier to just let him think he'd caught a shooting star."

JEREMY Walker said he suspected UFO nuts at first during his family's Maine vacation – but this is his favorite shot. "Not only is the sunshine beautiful, but there's a UFO in it," he said. Experts attempted to verify or disprove whether the unidentified object in the photo was an actual UFO, but no conclusive evidence could be drawn. Over the years, Walker has stood his ground, however, insisting the UFO is real.

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MOM-UP BOOKS

By MICHAEL ROVIN

OJAI, Calif. — Aware of the fact that more and more mothers are working, author Ellen Foley has designed a new tool to help them raise — and discipline — their children.

"They're called mom-up books," said Foley. "Like the classic pop-up books, they use three-dimensional displays. But they don't tell a story. Each new spread features mom popping up to instruct the child on what to do in certain situations. A small white chip makes sure that the command is heard as well as read."

For example, the opening page of Foley's first mom-up book, *School Day*, depicts a child in bed.

"When you open to that spread the door opens and the mother enters," said Foley. "The voice says 'Get out of bed before you miss the school bus!' At the same time the child leaps out of bed."

After being reminded to clean up his or her breakfast plate and brush their teeth, the child is admonished to behave on the bus.

"Upon arrival at school, there's a spread that shows a naughty child sitting in the principal's office," Foley said. "A mother's voice warns 'If you're bad at school you'll be in big trouble when you get home.'"

The other books in the series are *After School Activities* and *Bedtime*.

While many educators are critical of the louder, old world authoritarian tone, mothers have expressed satisfaction with what Foley has done.

"I read those series to my 3-year old son every night," said Maggie Smith. "The book makes and I actually play good cop, bad cop. I come off being pretty nice by comparison."

"I make sure my daughter Sally takes it with her to school," said Joanne Wein. "Book mom is like an inspiring guardian angel — or fearful avenging angel, depending on how Sally behaves."

Due to the success of her series, Foley is getting ready to launch a new one.

3-D characters reinforce good parental advice

WWN BOOK REVIEW

THE LIFE AND MUSINGS OF OSCAR MILDE

A Biography by C.H. Cadbury

Reviewed by DICK SIEGEL

What little there is known about Oscar Wilde's younger brother, Stephen, has been expanded upon in this bland new biography.

Working as an accountant, Stephen Milde felt that he too had something to say. He began writing as "Oscar Milde," a self-described "ordinary Milde." Unlike his famous brother, Milde was also a practicing heterosexual. In fact, according to the biography, he practiced quite often.

Free thinking and wild, Bohemian art was all the rage in Wilde's artistic circle. By contrast, Milde's writing was dull and uninspired. His lone patron was burlesque producer Duncan Lovelace, a drinking chum who shared Milde's love of women.

Milde's first play, *The Importance Of Being Ernestine*, was a comedy about a woman who pretends to be a man named Ernest and eventually became queen. The play was dismissed as incomprehensible and closed after a single performance.

Milde then attempted a novel, *The Silhouette of Dorian Black*, about a mathematician who scribbled pets and slept rather quickly due to her hard life. *The London Chronicle* declared the novel to be "as bored as the dictionary it describes in such wooly splendor."

After two more attempts at writing novels — *Lady Whistletree's Phantom of the Opera* and *Real Animal Husbandry*, Milde put away his quill and returned to accounting.

Milde remained relatively unknown until his biographer, accountant C.H. Cadbury, stumbled across the manuscripts and letters in a trunk in the attic of Milde's former home.

Cadbury tries to make a case for Milde as "a realist who believed that stories could be told 'by the numbers,' as it were." He was wrong, of course, as the enduring popularity of his far more imaginative brother demonstrates.

Unfortunately, like Milde's completely ordinary life, this biography is dry, uninteresting reading.

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Romanian castle built on cursed land stands abandoned and empty for 200 years. It's the ... WERE-

BUCHAREST, Romania — One of the most famous landmarks in Romania is the castle of the infamous Vlad the Impaler, a bloodthirsty nobleman also known as Dracula. However, the ancient countryside boasts an even more remarkable and frightening home.

By MICHAEL ROSU

"The Cuza Estate was built 200 years ago," said Romanian historian Emil Balint. "Unfortunately, the impatient Baron Cuza built the house on a field of wolfbane — a plant believed to be a cause of werewolfery."

Immediately after its completion, the mansion is actually transformed into a *lycomansion* — a wolf mansion — that ate unwary travelers.

"The Cuzas abandoned

the legends are really true.

"I arrived at the estate during the late afternoon," he said. "The place looked like something from an evil fairy tale, overgrown with gnarled trees, vines and high grasses. But I wasn't going to let fear and superstition keep me from discovering the truth. I opened my backpack, ate a late lunch and

"The countryside went pale and, before my eyes, the house began to transform.

"Moss started to form on the walls while thick thorns sprouted around the doors. The bars on the first floor windows broke off on the bottom and lengthened downward. The upper windows, on the side, elongated toward the top like pointy ears.

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grow larger, more menacing."

Moments later, the gabled structure rose from its foundations and moved toward Balint. "I thought terrified. Balint was not unprepared. He reached into his backpack and withdrew a can of silver spray paint. He proceeded to coat the house.

"Whether it's a werewolf or a were-house, the holy purity of silver will always defeat them."

covered most of the front facade the house stopped moving. I continued to paint until it turned back into a regular house."

While the Romanian people were thrilled that the Ceata curse had been broken, authorities were not so happy that private property had been vandalized.

"It may have been against the law; but it was necessary," said an unapologetic Balint. "If ever

Researcher determines CINNAMON IS THE SPICE OF LIFE!

By MARK MILLER

LACONIA, N.H. – "Variety is the spice of life" means that life is more exciting when you try different types of experiences. However, National Spice Council researcher Steve Lavey began to wonder if the popular expression had a more literal meaning.

"It occurred to me," explained Lavey. "That if you were to make a list of all the world's spices, along with their uses and benefits, one spice would probably stand out as having the greatest use and benefit to mankind. That spice would truly be the spice of life. I decided to find out which one that was."

Lavey and his team of researchers studied every major spice, compiling data and statistics and consulting with foreign spice experts.

"When all the data was in it became clear that the standout spice, by far, was cinnamon," he said. "It's an ancient spice mentioned several times in the Old Testament, which gives it great historical and religious import. It is equally suited for both hot and subtle foods, as well as being widely used for flavoring tea, coffee, buns, stewed fruits and various desserts.

"Cinnamon is immensely popular in China and the rest of Asia, as well as all regions where Arab influence is felt. It is big in northern and eastern Africa."

"Don't get me wrong," Lavey added. "Variety is all well and good. But if you're looking for the real spice of life, grab yourself cinnamon."

In related news, advocates of 'thyme' are thinking of changing its spelling to make that spice 'of the essence.'

CAR RUNS ON FRENCH FRY GREASE!

AKASHI, Japan – Burdened by the impending oil shortage and high gas prices, one Japanese car manufacturer has set out to develop a vehicle that runs on recycled French fry cooking oil.

"We call the prototype 'Grease Lightning'," said a company spokesman. "As of now, the car runs perfectly. We're just working on changing the 'fast

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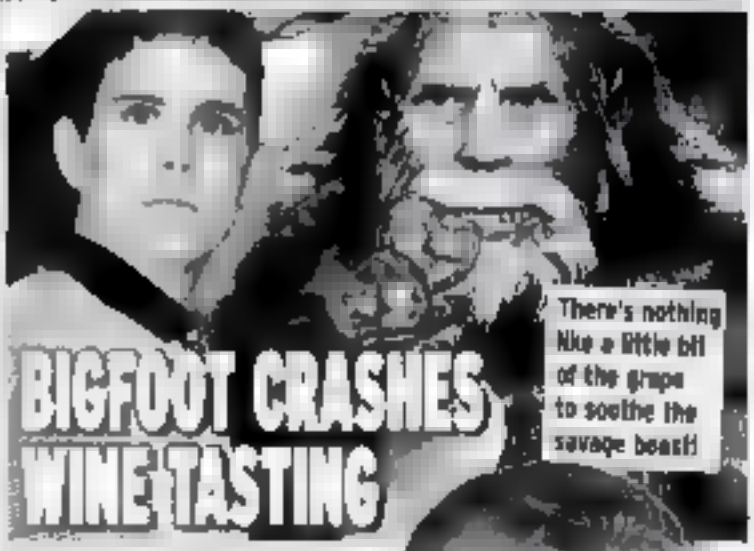

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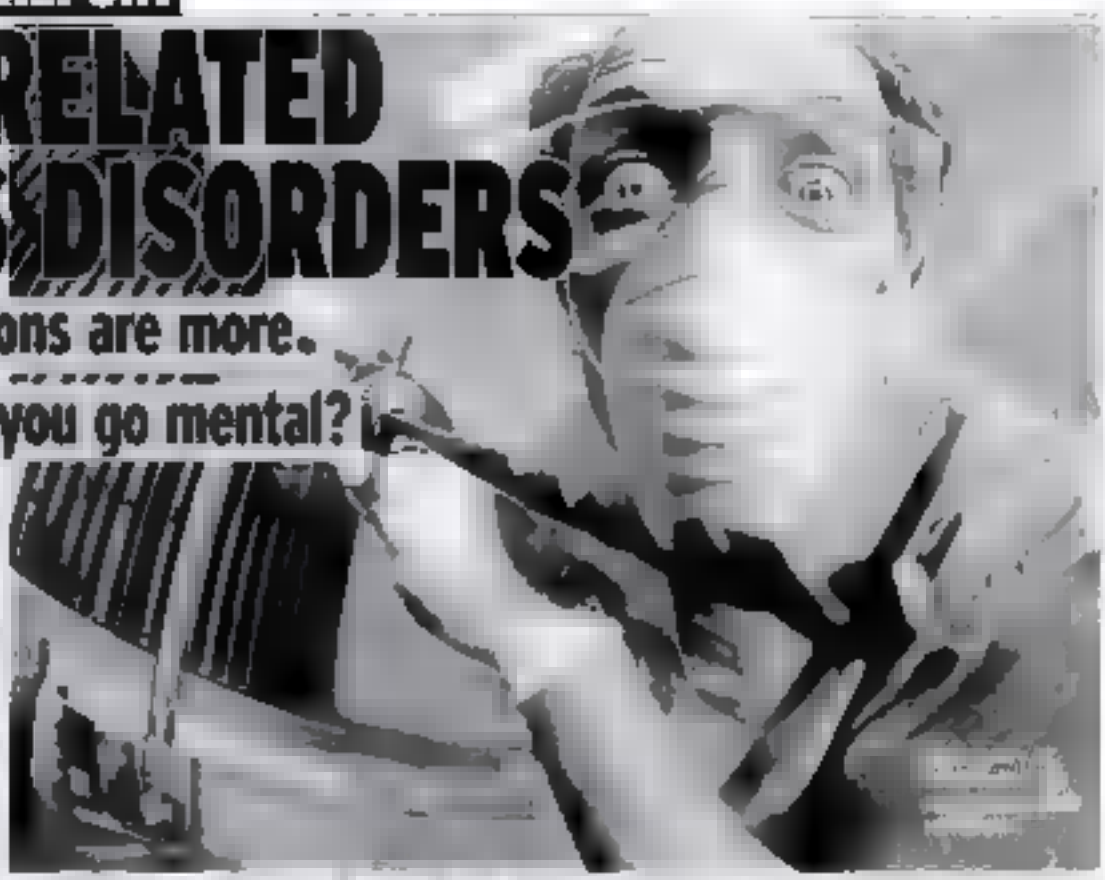
WORK-RELATED STRESS DISORDERS

Which professions are more likely to make you go mental?



By JONATHAN PIKE

CHICAGO — Although postal workers have gotten the most attention for "losing it" on the job — that is, "going postal" — a study by the Chicago Center For Job Stress found a comparable number of disgruntled workers in other occupations.

"The post office has gotten the most publicity because it's a government job," said Dr. George Harris. "It came to symbolize a bureaucracy that pushed frustrated workers over the edge. But with one in 200 employees who go over the edge, the post office is far from the worst offender."

"For instance, one in every 23 orthodontists go dental before their second year," said Dr. Harris. Staring into [illegible] smokers, mouths at disease and [illegible] bring stubborn braces to tight places cause them to flip. They start pearling out people's teeth and sending them on wild spinning rides in the chair.

"Then there are accountants like the one who went berserk last month and beat a client's metal [illegible] of shape with a calculator," said Dr. Harris. They go accountial after years of dealing with other people's wealth while their themselves remain stuck in the middle class."

Dr. Harris also found patterns of workers who go bankar cookie computer programmer, [illegible] and postal [illegible] for reasons that range from faulty technology to dead end positions to abusive bosses.

"I'm also convinced that there are some individuals who go presidential," said Dr. Harris. I won't name names but when they get frustrated or [illegible]

GRAPH-IT! Math majors take it to the streets

By MICHAEL BOYER

BOSTON — "It's something we'd never seen before," said Sgt. Jim Cross of the Boston Police Department. "A few days after the new school year began, we encountered a new type of graffiti on buildings and everywhere.

"It wasn't the usual gang colors and symbols," he said. "These were numbers, geometric figures and complex mathematic equations."

After staking out nearby Boston Community College of Arithmetic for several nights, undercover police were able to identify the vandals.

"We followed two juniors as they left the campus and started into the [illegible] pentadate on the back of the shed."

The students were arrested and taken to the police station. There, they told police why they were creating what they called "graph-it!".

"We hate the fact that everyone in class was calculators," said Stanley Tomlinson. "They're a crutch that dulls the mind."

"We wanted to make a big, colorful statement about the joys of doing math longhand," said William Bevan.

After deciding that the students were simply overzealous learners and not criminals, police let them go.

"Of course, we made them clean up the

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junior

DID YOU KNOW...

Writer Robert May considered the names Reginald and Rollo before deciding on Rudolph for the song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

TONGUE TWISTER

These sheep shouldn't sleep in a shack - sheep should sleep in a shed.

SAY THIS FIVE TIMES FAST!

This kid's a real...

KNUCKLEHEAD

By JONATHAN FOX

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — 11-year-old Simon Pilot is the only student in the conservative Memphis Regional High School who is allowed to wear a hat in class.

"It was only fair to the boy," said principal Richard Shaw. "He didn't want the other students making fun of him."

Pilot has what doctors call a "profoundly atavistic," in lay terms, he's a "knucklehead."

"While he was in the womb, Simon began to grow an extra head from his skull," said Dr. Philip Marlon. "Due to the cramped position of the skin slip part of the fetus's brain crept through. As a result, Simon was born with a pit of knuckles on his head."

At first, Pilot suffered terrible headaches as the skin stretched.

"Other than the boy pretzeloids, Simon developed like any other child," said Dr. Marlon. "But that started to change once he learned to walk."

As Pilot grew and walked more widely he constantly bumped his head.

"He wore quite a bruise in the years he's been," said Mrs. Pilot. "It also didn't help that many of his friends gave him high fives up there now and then."

The repetitive blows to the head started affecting Pilot's concentration.

"It was like a tuner tuning wild blows to the skull," said Dr. Marlon. "Since half of the head is still underdeveloped inside his cranium, Pilot's brain is the same level that does as it at a

effects on his brain. Over time they dulled his mind."

Despite the drawbacks, Dr. Marlon insisted that Pilot's condition may not be a deformity.

"It's very possible that Pilot represents an evolutionary step for mankind," said Dr. Marlon. "Perhaps this is nature's way of allowing us to reach higher planes, change light bulbs more easily or invent new ways to skateboard.

"You might say, with all respect to political correctness, that this boy is the first wave of truly 'head-strong' individuals."

junior

BRAINTEASER

You can throw me off the highest building, but I will not break. Yet put me in the ocean, and I fall apart. What am I?

SOLUTION: wisdom v

WORD OF THE WEEK:

QUIDNUNC:

A person who is drawn to gossip – a busybody.

This is an actual picture of a common rabbit. Can you tell what it is? (The answer is on page 7.)

TEEN CAN MAKE HIS SKIN CRAWL!

By MICHAEL BOWIN

PIERRE, S.D. – One night early in January, 13-year-old Buck Pope went to sleep in his bed and awoke on the kitchen floor.

"We thought he had sleepwalked," said Mrs. Pope. "This was the first time he's ever done that so we let it go."

The next night Buck's parents found him on the stairs. They decided to let him sleep in their room until they were sure this odd phase had stopped.

"We were afraid he might hurt himself," said Mr. Pope.

On the third night, however, the Popes discovered that Buck wasn't sleepwalking – not exactly.

"We were awakened by a strange rubbing sound," said Mr. Pope. "Buck was on the floor, asleep. It was dark in the room but it sounded as though he was crawling across the room."

Mr. Pope turned on the light.

"His flesh was rippling as he moved. like waves on the ocean," said Mrs. Pope. "His skin was actually crawling!"

Buck was rushed to the hospital for observation.

"We discovered that Buck suffers from a rare condition called Autonomic Epidermal Mobility," Dr. Lawrence Kelp explained. "Human skin is an organ. Other organs function automatically; when the conditions are right, skin can do the same."

Dr. Kelp theorizes that the boy's fondness for the skin of Thanksgiving-Christmas season – powered up the latent ability in his own skin cells.

"During the daytime, the normal motion of the body and Buck's upright position hide the movement of the skin," Dr. Kelp went on. "But at night Buck's skin gets – well, creepy."

Dr. Kelp gave Buck a muscle relaxer that targeted only dermal sinew. So far, it has worked.

"Still, it may be just a stopgap measure," Dr. Kelp explained. "We'll wait to see if this passes before we take the

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WEIRD PICTURE SEARCH

CAN you find the 10 soda bottles hidden in this illustration by renowned artist Sergio Aragones? Check next week's issue for the answer key!

Horse Sense

By Lorraine Glatt Tyra and Horses

Why is it so easy to pig out on pasta?

Dear Mr. Horse: Why is it so easy to overeat certain foods, like pasta?

Dianne Jacobs,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dianne: Our bodies monitor our nutritional intake and let us know when we've eaten what we need. Foods like pasta are highly processed. That means a lot of the nutritional value has been stripped from it. As a result, our bodies take longer to signal that we've had enough. If you eat whole some, fresh, natural foods you'll find that you're satisfied after eating much less. That's why you'll never see horses overeat since we are fed only hay, oats, carrots and apples.

Why is it bad to eat just before bed time?

Dear Mr. Horse: Why is it bad to eat food before you go to bed?

Mike Robbins,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mike: Digestion takes a huge amount of energy. If your body is trying to digest food while it's resting, it's not going to get the best quality rest. Imagine a horse trying to sleep while it eats and you'll get the general idea.

When I'm sick, I feel better in the morning

Dear Mr. Horse: Why are people sicker at night than in the morning?

John Stevenson,
Richmond, Va.

Dear John: Rest is the most important part of getting well. When you wake up in the morning your body has had time to fight the sickness. After all, it wasn't doing been drained of the resources it uses to clean itself and fight disease. So naturally you feel the effects of the illness more at that time. I'm kind of proud of horses in that respect. We instinctively stand in one place as often as possible to conserve energy — and stay well!

I became a vegetarian, why do I feel weak?

Dear Mr. Horse: I just became a vegetarian and I feel weak and sick sometimes. Am I doing something wrong?

Wendy Hastings,
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Wendy: Actually, you're doing something right! Junk food is like a drug. Your body gets accustomed to eating highly concentrated amounts of sugar, oil and fat. It's no different than when a smoker quits smoking and feels awful, even though the smoke is bad for him. Once your body adapts to this new diet of fresh fruits and vegetables, you'll feel better than ever. Trust me, I once had a sugar cube addiction. It took me months to kick it.

What's the deal with morning breath?

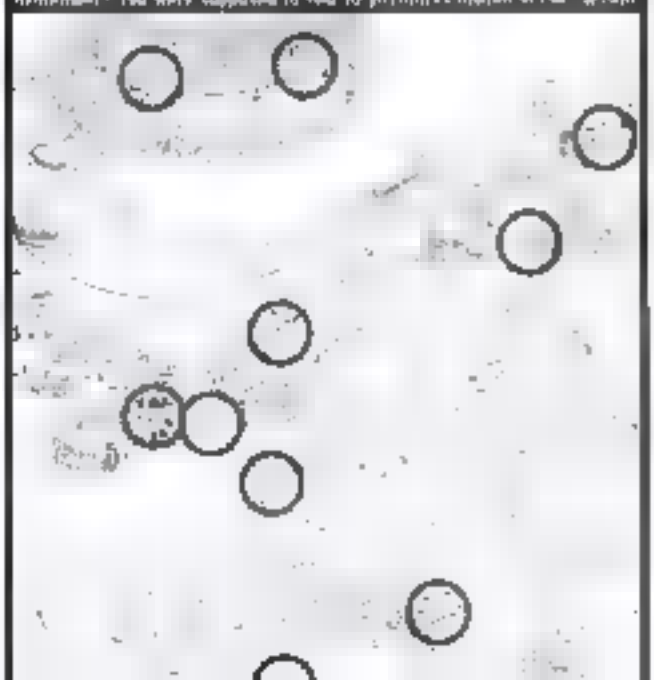
Dear Mr. Horse: Why do people have bad breath in the morning?

William Cook,
Concord, N.H.

Dear William: When you're sleeping, your body is not just resting. It's also expelling toxins. That's what is coming from your mouth. Don't feel bad, though. The all-natu-

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE SEARCH SOLUTION

Remember? You were supposed to find 10 [illegible] hidden in the picture.



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CREATED BY DICK SIEGEL
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RIP!
ROARING
TEAR!
ZOOM
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YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS PRICE BEFORE YOU "MAD" THAT GROCERY CLERK IN LINE.
THE ADVENTURES OF BAT BOY
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BLOODLETTING BEYOND

People stumbled blood leaking

[redacted]

BY RICK SHERI

WATER MARK, Pa. — Deep in his lair beneath Grant's Tomb, Matthew Daemon S.O.S. (Seeker of Obscure Supernaturals) was calibrating the psychic parabolic locator on his super computerized World Weird Network. Suddenly, [redacted] fax [redacted] began beeping. Page after page spilled out with nothing on them. Puzzled, the Wizard of Weird [redacted] used the mystery caller. The high-pitched whine of a fax modem assaulted his ears. A moment later he could hear a voice wailing from the phone speaker.

"Come quick! The blood! The blood! It's horrible!"

"This is Matthew Daemon!" shouted the Sultan of Strange. "Who [redacted] and why are you trying to send faxes?"

"Mr. Daemon, this is Inspector [redacted]" moaned the caller. "We were trying to fax it to you!"

"What do you mean 'it'?"

"For analysis — there's blood everywhere."

As the inspector spoke, Daemon zeroed in on Water Mark with the psychic parabola. The [redacted] bot with extradimensional [redacted] energy.

"It's a deadly sheet of paper," Hobbes went on. "It's come alive and is attacking everyone. Paper cuts are inflicting gory

There was no response.

"It doesn't matter," [redacted] man muttered. "[redacted] all [redacted] the same weakness."

Donning his hat and duster, the freak-phantom-fighter [redacted] a pair [redacted] stuffed them in a brown paper bag before leaving [redacted] underground [redacted] quarters. Outside, he picked up a rock from the [redacted] Grant's [redacted] Then he cabbed [redacted] to the port authority

the bend and entered the rustic hamlet, there [redacted] no mistaking the foul horror that [redacted] still afoot. People stumbled through the streets, blood leaking from multiple paper [redacted] on their hands and faces. Pursuing them, its midsection dented with a malevolent [redacted], was a flying sheet of paper!

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"Yes. How did you know?"

"I've seen your picture in *Weekly World News*," the thug replied. "Plus, you're the only one who hasn't been slashed."

"And I won't be," Daemon vowed.

Keeping an eye on the ferocious foolscap as it fluttered here and there, Daemon placed the rock attack and quickly wrapped itself around the stone. No sooner had it done so than Daemon pulled the scissors from concealment inside the bag and, in a flurry of blurred motion, cut the sheet of paper into tiny pieces. Soon the confetti was too small to harm anyone and was blown away by a strong gust of

OUT OF THIS WORD SEARCH!

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HOW TO PLAY

[redacted] up, down, backward, forward and sideways – in all directions – to find all [redacted] topics [redacted] some of [redacted] past articles in the list [redacted]

BOUNCING BABY	FOOT IN GRAVE	[redacted]
CAMEL	FOR PETE'S SAKE	ROAD RAGE
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[redacted]	MAN OF STEEL	SMARTY PANTS
FASHION SLAVE	[redacted]	SQUARE MEAL
[redacted]	RAPSACKS	SQUEAKY CLEAN
FLY IN SOUP	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

how to stop it." Hobbes asked as he applied a Band-Aid to his cheek.

"My psychic locator determined there was a rift in the dimensional plane in an office supply closet in Water Maria. Daemon revealed. I suspected a formless entity and -- a piece of paper I believe the entity was the vanguard for an invasion. Its cutting assault was an attempt to allow other entities to come to our world."

"Good Lord!" said Hobbes. "We would have been reamed."

scissors." Daemon winked.

"When this entity doesn't report back, I don't think you'll have to worry about any others following."

With that, the Master Monster Hunter bagged his scissors and took the

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World's Biggest Crossword

ACROSS

1 Building design
6 Not relative
12 Whip up
14 Baseball score
15 Prohibit
16 Greek god
19 Rubber-stamp
20 International boundary
21 Pungent bulb
23 Canned fishes
24 Pointed tooth
26 Sawyer of "60 Minutes"
27 Blandfish
28 Hold back
30 Bogus
31 "Como — usted?"
34 Dials around
35 "A Simulcar Named —"
38 Change addresses
40 Small intestine part
41 Horse holder
42 Mr Preminger
44 Give money
46 Eye cover
47 Colorless
48 Blow your stack
50 Throw
51 Top of the thigh
52 Gas tooth
54 Indian wraps
56 Musical Horne
58 Porcupine feature
59 Went on an newspaper
63 Curve or slider
66 Given to bragging
68 Andes beast
70 Flavoring seed
71 Borders on
73 Sign up
75 Ruffle the feathers
77 Throw out
78 Basil sauce
81 Cauterize
82 Actress Thompson
84 Metric measure
86 Ranier
87 What you will
88 Radio interference
90 Singer Stewart
92 Ballet movement
94 Canvas cover
96 Elvis or Lisa Marie
97 Prosperous time
98 Liver paste
100 Cent
101 Kind of reel
102 January in Juarez
103 Evil one
104 Swelled out
106 Greek colonnade
107 Drumsticks
109 Unruffled
111 Pacific or Atlantic
112 Treeless plain of Russia
114 Actor Cotten
116 Head of Hell
117 Tater
118 Cunning
119 Mampoke etc
120 Chimney dirt
122 Wanted off
125 Hamlet or Mc[illegible] e.g.
128 Wan — soup
129 Heroic tale
130 Door opener
131 Before Orange or Bravo
132 Gets around
135 Wine merchant
138 Sports group
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141 High mountain
143 Cuddly
144 Farm buildings
147 Ran amok
149 Furnish with
151 Shorthand specialist
154 Geological divisions
156 Actor Nelson
158 Cute and sassy
160 Scooped out
161 Warning sound
162 Diving gear
167 Role for Madonna
168 Artillery salute
169 Actress Barbara
170 Recipe with
171 Part of the USA
174 Deposits an egg
176 Part of a procedure
177 No opponent
179 Croquet target
181 River of India
183 Sitting room
185 Elbowroom
187 Road curve
189 Pork cut
190 Prime rib, for one
191 Role player
192 Transaction
193 Canadian city
195 Rift
196 On your toes
197 Religious sect
198 Located
199 Open grassy plain
200 Statement
201 Complete
202 Quick
203 Pointy
204 Actress Dana
205 Hall-of-famer Rod
206 Stand up to
207 Sapho
208 Writer James
209 Garbage container
210 Covered up
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212 Grad
213 Bottom of the barrel
214 Chatters
215 Fur wraps
216 Party in power
217 Upper hand
218 English class assignment
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243 Kind of milk shake
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DOWN

1 All in the family
2 Cash in, as coupons
3 Frog sound
4 Rutabaga
5 Like a miner
7 Extremely irritating
8 Ghastly white
9 Before
10 A way up
11 Great Lake
12 Luxurious lodgings
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84 Bedsheets
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88 Abrasions
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127 Change the color
132 Give and take
133 Spotted
134 Leave your berth place
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136 Original inhabitant
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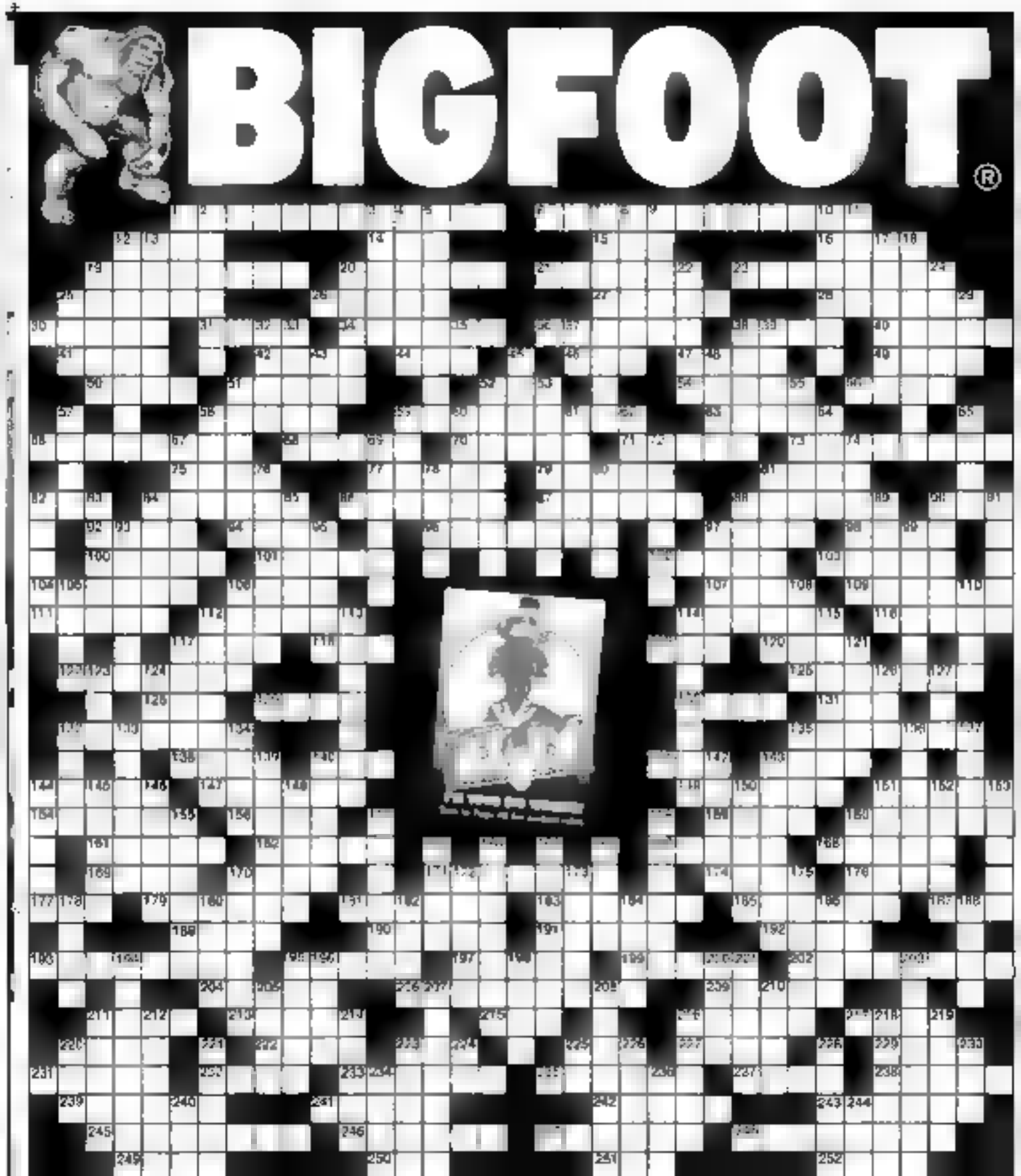
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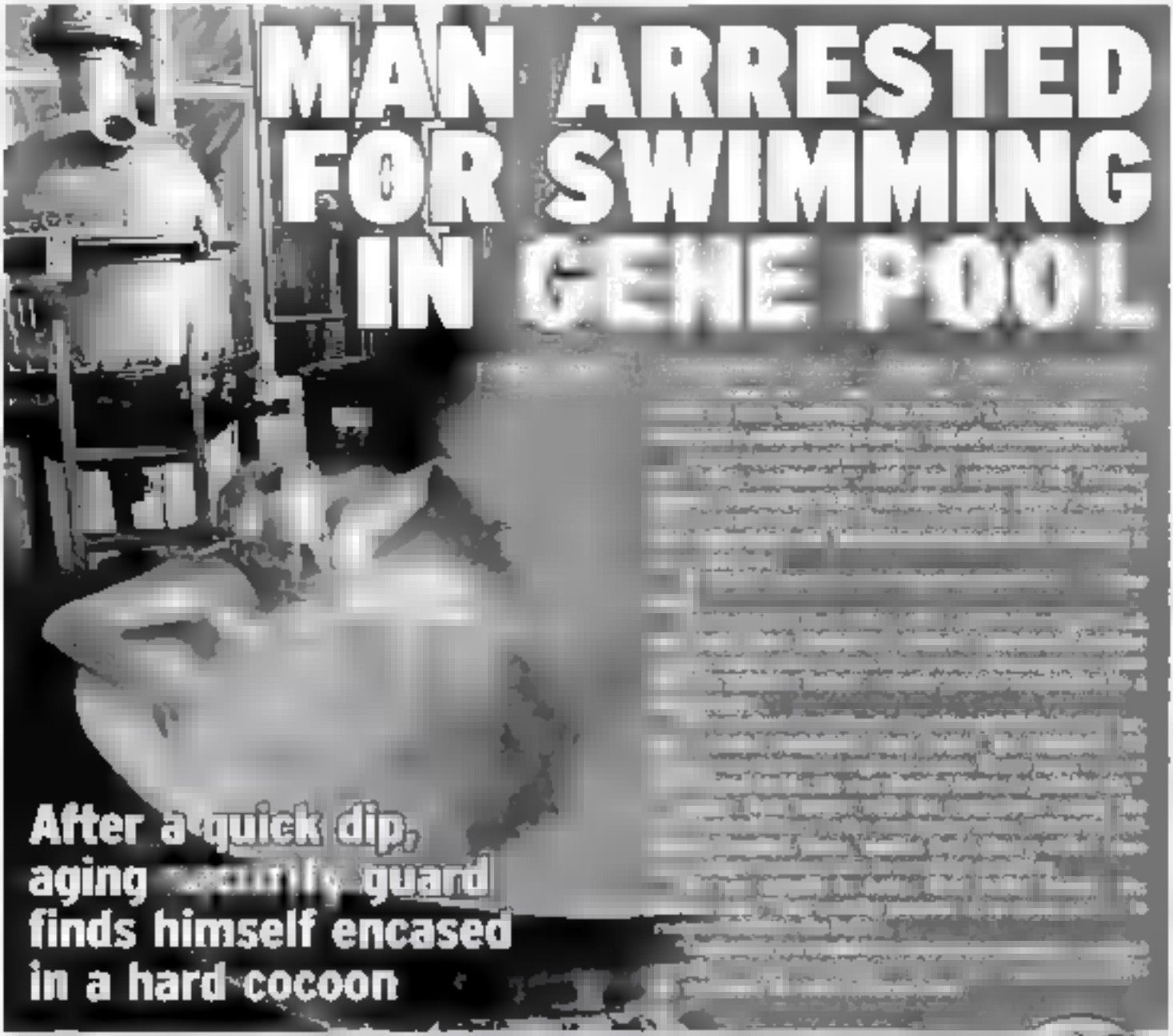


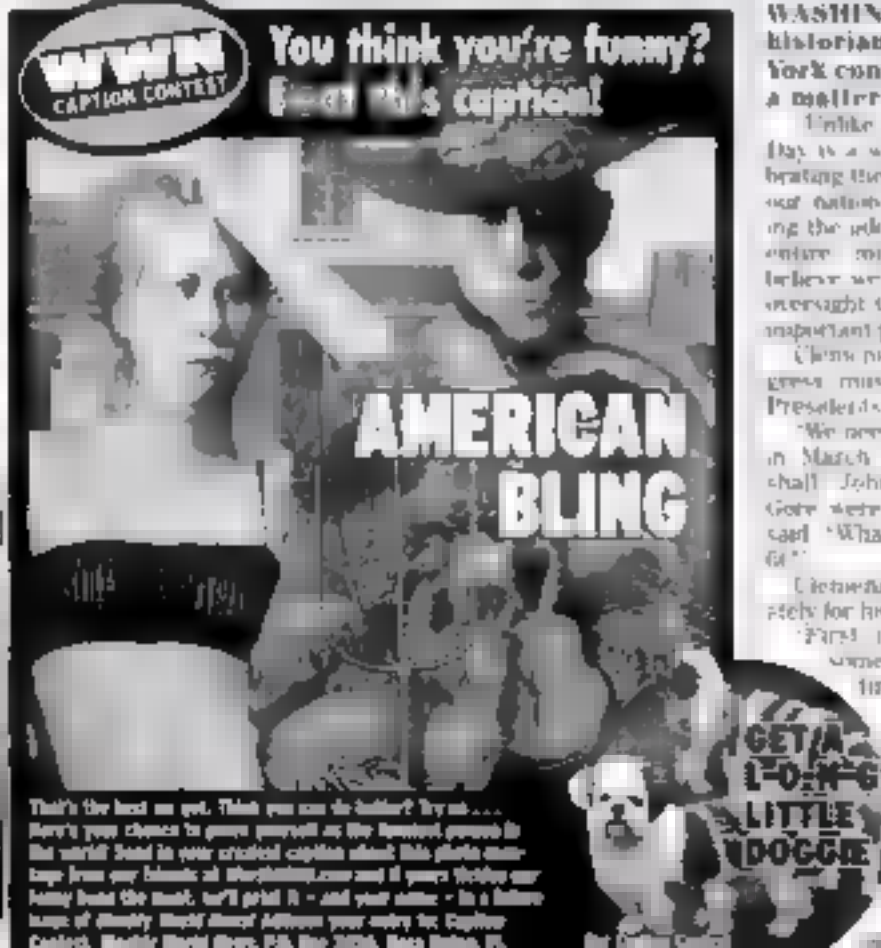
After a quick dip, aging security guard finds himself encased in a hard cocoon

GLOBAL WARMING RUINS DESSERT

PHILADELPHIA, December — A recent study has shown that increased global warming has negatively affected the stability of gelatin, giving it a runny quality.

"The congealing process requires a stable degree of coolness to achieve its ideal state," said researcher Paul Reeze. "With the ozone damage and warming trend we've seen in the past decade, gelatin has consistently lost several degrees of consistency once it's placed on the table."

Reeze said even refrigeration isn't enough to ensure proper [illegible] years [illegible] latin made better molds, lasted longer at room temperature and jiggled more animatedly," he



WASHINGTON, D.C. — For the past seven years, historian Henry Clemens has been lobbying New York congressional representative Paul Simmons on a matter of great historical significance.

By MICHAEL ROSS

Unlike your newspaper's Ed Anger I think that Presidents Day is a wonderful holiday," said Clemens. "We should be celebrating the greatest leaders of our nation instead of spreading the celebration thin over an entire month. But I also believe we've made a terrible oversight by ignoring another important political figure."

Clemens believes that Congress must establish a Vice Presidents Day.

"We need a Monday holiday in March and Thomas Marshall, John Calhoun and Al Gore were all born then," he said. "What could be a better fit?"

Clemens argues passionately for his cause.

"First of all, there were some heavy hitters sitting in that seat," Clemens said.

"George Washington's vice president was future president John Adams. When Adams became president, his VP was Thomas Jefferson. If those names have grown into a history

"Secondly, speaking of names, Lincoln's first VP was Hannibal Hamlin. Grant's was Schuyler Colfax," said Clemens. "How could those extraordinary names be forgotten, while dull presidential nonentities like Benjamin Harrison and William McKinley are honored in the big-blanket 'Presidents Day'?"

"Finally, the vice president is a heartbeat from the presidency," Clemens went on. "Fourteen of them have gone on to become president. That, too, merits a day to celebrate the men and the office."

Unfortunately, so far, Representative Simmons has not been encouraged to act.

"With respect, we'd have a tough time rallying support for a Daniel D. Tompkins or Alben W. Barkley Day," Simmons said. "Besides, we seem to have a vice president who's running the country. Mr.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WITCHCRAFT? TEST

Spells and other magic rule their world

WITCHES are people who use spells and other *magic* to influence events in the real world. They existed be[illegible] Christianity [illegible] are known in many cultures. What do you know about these supernatural individuals?

1. Witches obtain their powers [illegible] all of [illegible] means. List them in order of importance:
   a) Apprenticing with an experienced witch.
   b) Years of intense study.
   c) Being born with them.
   d) Practice.

2. Witches are usually:
   a) Male.
   b) Young.
   c) Bad-tempered.
   [illegible].

3. Witches are usually kept company by "familiars." These are:
   a) Spirits in animal form.
   b) Unseen demons.
   c) Human servants.
   d) Their spouses.

4. Black magic is witchcraft that is practiced:
   a) At funerals.
   b) In a darkened cave.
   c) By people wearing black robes.
   d) For evil purposes.

5. The witching [illegible] is:
   a) 2 a.m.
   b) Midnight.
   c) Dusk.
   d) Two hours [illegible] crows.

1563 [illegible] reign of [illegible] I. The law [illegible] that convicted [illegible] was:
   a) Hanged.
   b) Burned at the stake.
   c) [illegible]
   d) [illegible] for life.

7. The witches in Shakespeare's [illegible] *Macbeth* stirred a [illegible] that contained:
   a) Eye of newt.
   b) Tail of dog.
   c) Skin of cat.
   d) An unborn boy.

8. In England, the last [illegible] and conviction on a charge of practicing witchcraft occurred in:
   a) 1695.
   b) 1899.
   c) 1746.
   d) 1944.

9. In 1692 and 1693, 140 [illegible] were arrested in Salem, Massachusetts. How many of these people were executed?
   a) Three.
   b) Ten.
   c) 20.
   d) None.

10. The property of a convicted witch [illegible]
   a) Burned [illegible]
   b) Heavily taxed.
   c) Confiscated by the state.
   d) Claimed [illegible] government.

11. [illegible] says [illegible] witches should be:
   a) Honored for their knowledge.
   b) Put to death.
   c) Closely watched at all times.
   d) Banished.

12. In the [illegible], witchcraft is:
   a) Punishable by fine and imprisonment.
   b) Part of a religion called [illegible]

YOURSELF

DO YOU WISH YOU WERE A WITCH?

ANSWERS

1 c, a, b, d.

2 a. Throughout most of history, witches lived in the country where they had no formal education, though they knew a lot about herbs, animals, and other aspects of nature.

3 a. Black cats are among the most popular.

4 d.

5 b. This is when witches are at their [illegible] powerful and the strangest [illegible] have been known to occur.

6 a. In England, witchcraft was a felony (a crime against the state) and punishable by hanging. Elsewhere in Europe, witchcraft was a heresy (a crime against the church) and punishable by being burned at the stake.

7 a. The cauldron bubbled with "Eye of newt, toe of frog, wool of bat, tongue of dog."

8 d. A woman named Helen Duncan was convicted under England's Witchcraft Act because she seemed to have clairvoyant knowledge of the country's D-Day preparations. [illegible] was imprisoned for nine months. The Witchcraft Act was repealed in 1951.

9 c. Nineteen of them were hanged and one was pressed to death by having stones piled on top of him. Thirteen other accused witches died in prison. In May 1693, the governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony pardoned the accused and the witch trials ended.

10 d. This indicates why so many innocent women and men were charged. Their deaths made the government richer through "legal" means!

11 b. The Bible says "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." (Exodus 22:18)

12 b. Wiccans call themselves witches and organize themselves into covens – however, they do not practice black magic. Wiccan religion is neo-pagan and earth-centered, with ancient rituals and practices that include worship of the Goddess and a Horned God.

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HERSCHEL MOSES CAN'T PAINT THE SEA – BUT HE SURE KNOWS HOW TO PACK

GAINING ill on the family name, Herschel Moses even grew a beard to look just like his ancestor depicted in the Bible.

By LEONARD McCOY

TEL AVIV, Israel — For six months now, tourists have been finking up five and six hours to tour the Red Sea on the boat of a very special guide.

"Yes, I'm a descendant of the original Moses," said 33-year-old Herschel Moses. "The affiliation has been very good for business — though it's also caused a lot of problems."

Earlier this year, Israeli scientists matched Herschel's DNA with strands of a beard that were found on the original tablets of the Ten Commandments (*Weekly World News*, June 27, 2006).

"It's not easy having a relative who was the world's foremost prophet," said Herschel. "I feel like I have to live up to people's expectations.

"I can never be righteous enough and that makes me a little testy. Yes, I sell a lot of souvenir stone tablets and tiny plastic bushes with little lights in them. But many of the tourists think I talk to God. I mean, I do, but only when I pray. And trust me — I don't get special favors. Do you see a Jaguar parked in my spot at the dock?"

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MOSES

LIKE [redacted] ANCESTOR, THE [redacted] 'EM IN ON [redacted] DEAD [redacted] BOAT TOUR!

ally tourists demand refunds when Hershel isn't able to deliver on a request that's asked every day on every tour: Parting the sea. At least twice a day he has to point out the no-refund-for-non-miracles contract on the back of the stub.

"It's not like I haven't tried," he admitted. "I practiced on a pool but nothing ever came of it. There must have been something about that staff my ancestor carried." He sighed. "Though I did re-create one miracle, sort of. Some guy got really angry when I wouldn't summon a swarm of locusts. He attacked me and I had to sock him in the nose. He stumbled overboard.

"I fished him out but for a moment — a brief one, but satisfying — I did turned the water into blood!"

FRIENDS SETTLE ALL [redacted] BY PICKING A BONE!

By [redacted]

CATOOSA, Okla. – The expression "I've got a bone to pick with you" is used in various ways when they disagree with something you've said or done. Until now, however, no one knew how that phrase originated.

"It started one day when Horace Appleton and me were eating some chicken drumsticks," recalled Shipper-with Carl Fiddlemeyer. "Horace finished and [redacted] must left to feed a family of four." I commented to pick clean of chicken meat all that's [redacted] Horace ignored the [redacted] commented by saying, "It doesn't worry," and took the bone back and picked off a tiny piece of meat. Then I took it back and did the same. Pretty soon we were [redacted] each. Eventually, I got the last piece of meat.

"That goes on as long" Fiddlemeyer said. "Each time we [redacted] drumstick. I'd pick some meat off it and hand it to Horace. He'd pick some meat off it and hand it back to me, and so on. The one who picked off the very last bit of meat was the winner.

"We've been doin' it that way for nearly 30 years and it works like a charm.

"It works better than the idea we had before that!" Fiddlemeyer chuckled. "I don't think either of us would've won an argument by

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Plague was spread across London in 1665 by diseased rats

By DORIAN HARPER

ACCORDING [redacted] study, 71 percent of people who claim to 'hear voices' hear a male voice. Pinecone scales close when rain [redacted] approaching.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors [redacted] Weekly World [redacted] have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

● A carnophobic is someone with an irrational fear of meat.

● The total length of the tiny tubes in both a person's kidneys would total about 40 miles.

● The translation of Sri Lanka is beautiful country.

● Piercing nipples is not a recent [redacted]. It was also popular in the late [redacted].

● According [redacted] U.S. Constitution, the minimum age a person must be to become president is 35.

● In 1914, Ford auto company paid workers $5 a day — double what other auto companies paid.

● Vintage port takes about 40 [redacted] to reach full maturity.

● "An actor is a guy who, if you ain't talking [redacted] him, he ain't listening." — Boy George

● Nevada [redacted] legalized [redacted] gambling in 1931.

● The first product [redacted] wanted to develop was a record player for cars. Victrola was a well-known at-home player at the time, so they named their company Motorola.

● In Ancient Rome, it was illegal to eat the flesh of a woodpecker.

● President John Quincy Adams had a pet alligator that he kept in the White House's [redacted] Room.

● The cost of making the first atomic bomb was $2 billion.

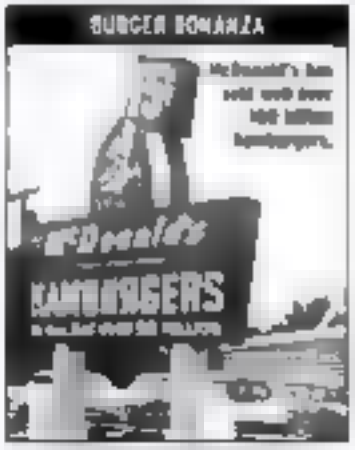
● Jonas Bronck bought what is known today as the Bronx, N.Y. from Indians [redacted] "two guns, two kettles, two coats, [redacted] one barrel of cider and six [redacted] money."

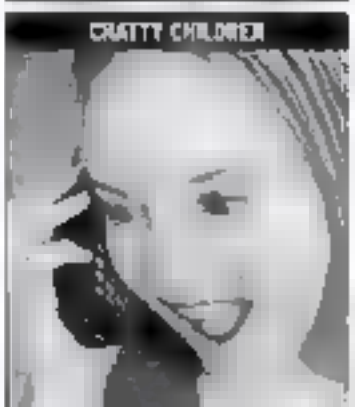
● The [redacted] describes [redacted] to make butter in Proverbs [redacted].

● Crocodile tears are pretended grief.

● The [redacted] bug always [redacted] backward.

Many species of butterflies fly south for the winter.





Who, What, Where, When, Why

● Sick horses don't kick people.

● The Empire State Building in [redacted] City has [redacted] windows.

● Nine billion kernels of candy corn are manufactured each year for Halloween.

● The official name of Bangkok, Thailand is "Krungthep Maharakshon Amorn Ratanakosin Mahintara Yudhaya Mahadilok Phiman Avatharnsathit Sakkatiya Visanukarm Prasit."

● Three-day advance tickets for the first Woodstock in 1969 were $18. They were $24 at the gate.

● All of Uranus' satellites are named after characters in Shakespeare's writing.

● Pittsburgh, Pa., is the only city where all the major sports teams have the same colors — black and gold.

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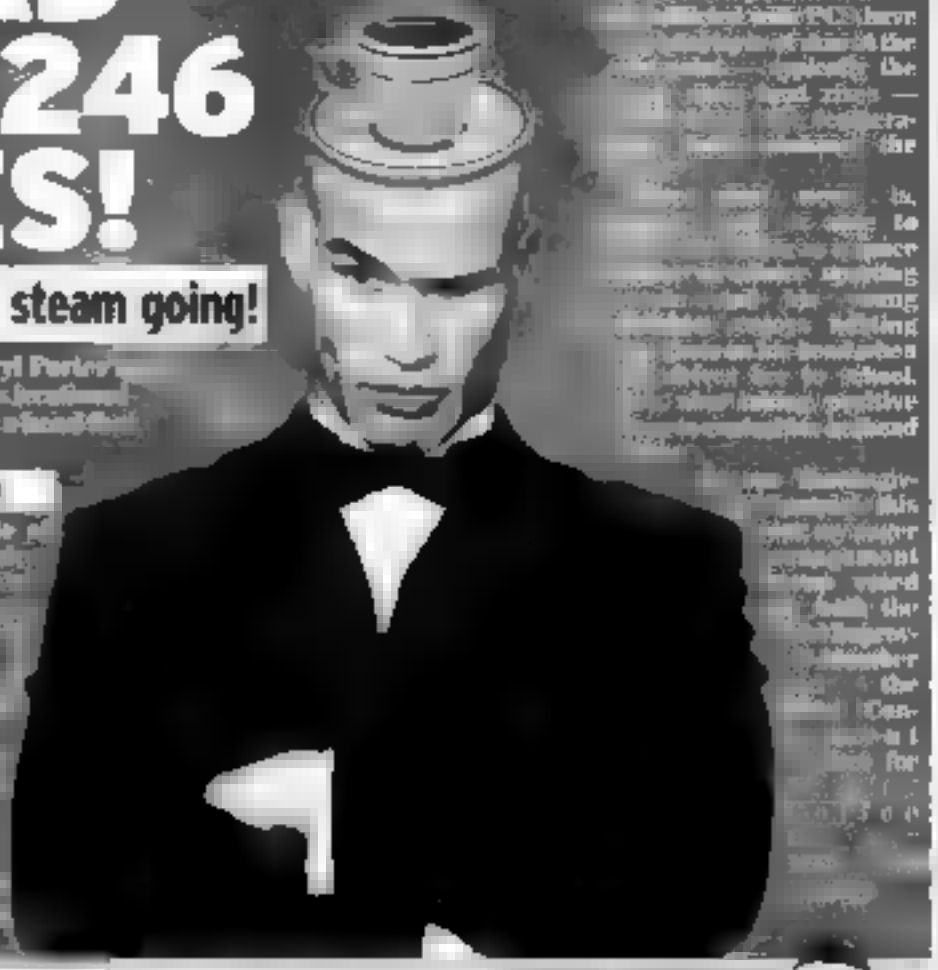
HOTHEAD BLOWS 246 DEGREES!

He can get a real head of steam going!

By MARK MILLER



SPYCAT HISTORY LESSON:

Tybalt the privateer

By RICK SIEBEL

DURING the late 16th century, English seaman Sir Francis Drake suspected that Philip of [redacted] was building an [redacted] to attack the British Isles. But he needed proof to convince a skeptical Queen Elizabeth I. Thus, he sent his trusted ship's mouser, Tybalt, on a secret [redacted] to the Spanish Court in Cadiz to discover Prince Phillip's plans.

The cat and his master left [redacted] ship, *The Golden Hind*, and stayed ashore as a [redacted]

while playing with a ball of yarn, he batted it into a chart room where he spied the blueprints for the armada.

Returning to Drake's waiting rowboat, Tybalt ripped a piece of paper into a tiny boat, illustrating the design of the Spanish vessels.

Then he snatched a codfish from the harbor. Filleting it, he used his claws to form the number 130 — the number of ships in the fleet.

Thanks to the wily cat, the English were able to complete

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EVERYONE knows the best part of eating at a Chinese restaurant is the fortune cookies. Usually the prediction is good, but sometimes you really break into a bad cookie.

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Lead me not into temptation I'll find it myself.

I can't take credit for this world not a stain

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January 16 – January 22

ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

You may face challenges this week, as unforeseen events complicate your life. Stay calm, evaluate your situation coolly and do what YOU decide is best.

Luck will follow a small household mishap. You will find a long-lost item!

Luck will smile if you treat everyone — even complete strangers — with your usual courtesy.

Look to the numbers 7 and 31.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

Don't be surprised if you find others laughing with you all week.

Pay an attention to people who poke fun at your lifestyle and convictions this week. Don't jump at the first opportunity to double your money. But pay attention to your lucky numbers: 10, 20 and 41.

You may see an old enemy in a new light. Give the person a chance to make amends. You will be rewarded for it.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

It's natural to be unrealistic and romantic at times. You have to learn to live with what you can't change.

Pay attention to the numbers 9 and 18.

A chance meeting with a stranger could get a little fun in your life this week.

A coincidence has real significance! Don't rush into things, but don't shy away from romance, either.

A drive home from work brings joy!

CANCER

June 21 – July 22

Don't be swayed by so-called experts. If you are called out of town, be calm and roll with the situation. It will turn into good fortune, despite your initial impressions!

An e-mail or phone call late in the week can bring you incredibly good news!

Lucky numbers this week are 4 and 20.

A small person — possibly a child — will surprise you with a simple solution. Pay close attention to him or her.

LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

A romantic evening could be the perfect prescription to save an ailing relationship this week. Save numbers with an intimate dinner and you might be surprised at the results.

Your intuition may be on the blink and you would be wise to avoid snap judgments. Don't place much stock in intuition.

A surprise visitor or unexpected phone call brings good fortune.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Your luck will improve significantly this week. You can afford to be more daring and should take some chances to get ahead.

Your stubborn streak could lead to trouble. Compromise to avoid tension. A creative spark may ignite some changes in your life if you have the courage to follow your instincts.

Your lucky numbers are 4 and 11.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

You handle a deeply troubling problem with poise, dignity and profound intelligence. Employment and financial woes will ease.

Be alert for signs of betrayal in the one you look to as an ardent. Some people don't know when to quit.

Spend lots of time with loved ones and pals this weekend.

Wearing white or blue will bring luck.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Concentrate on reaching modest goals this week. Remember the story of the tortoise and the hare.

Romance has not been your cup of tea. But a new face may show her pro at least sample the thrills you have only heard or read about.

A close friend is sinking in a sea of despair and you may be called on to do the rescuing. Be gentle but firm!

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Don't take a backseat when faced with new challenges this week.

A romantic interlude could be in the offing if you take time to realize that a special someone is dying to spend some time alone with you.

Stop being too busy for love. Try wearing red or turquoise.

The answer to a problem vexing you may be found in a friend's wisdom.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Your key to finding a solution this week is to relax and think love.

You are a natural leader, but it might be a good idea for you to let others do the heavy lifting and not take charge.

Invest carefully! But don't fret. A long-lost love is in the wings. Lucky numbers are 5, 10 and 36. You'll be getting an important phone call. Be very polite and don't let jealousy distract you.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

A friend holds the key to improving your financial situation. Don't turn up your nose too quickly at a far-out plan.

This is a great week for action, so quit daydreaming and toss your hat in the ring. Once-impossible goals are within reach if you revive the courage to go for them.

It's very important to contact a friend you've been ignoring. Do it now.

PISCES

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Revel in the fresh air and sunshine late in the week. Others may compete for your attention. Don't spread yourself too thin, though. You need indulging, too.

A dream may come true when a chance encounter in a public place leads to a new employment opportunity.

Your lucky colors are yellow and beige, and lucky numbers are 4 and 99.

Go easy with quick creations.

Readers all over the country are asking Madame Malisa's Lottery Numbers to help them win big. We can only hope! To receive Lucky Numbers for your birth sign by mail, send your name, address, birth date and $1 to: Lucky Numbers, drop this listed last.

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LEO	7, 23, 29, 31, 38, 41
VIRGO	4, 8, 11, 20, 27, 44
LIBRA	12, 15, 20, 30, 32, 34
SCORPIO	10, 23, 28, 47
SAGITTARIUS	2, 15, 27, 42, 43, 48
CAPRICORN	5, 10, 26, 36, 45, 48
AQUARIUS	8, 24, 27, 31, 42, 46

If your birthday is this week . . .

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Tired of getting sand kicked in your face?

NEW ENERGY BAR MAKES THE MEEK MIGHTY

After eating a Sand Bar you really feel pumped!

By MICHAEL BOWN

MIAMI — "The Bible tells us, 'The meek shall inherit the earth,' " said chemistry student Jack Syrus. "That may be true. But I also believe the meek should 'eat' the earth in order to protect our inheritance."

Syrus has turned that philosophy into a thriving business, one that was inspired by an incident at the beach.

"Some muscle-bound jerk kicked sand on me as he walked by," said Syrus. "It got in my mouth and I accidentally swallowed it. Now, I'm a kind of passive, scrawny guy but suddenly I felt energized. I got right in the guy's face and we almost came to blows.

"Despite the other guy's size, he was scared," Syrus said. "I could see it in his eyes."

The bully left and Syrus began thinking about the connection between his newfound confidence and what had just happened.

"Sand is mostly quartz," said Syrus. "Quartz is all natural and can be assimilated by the body in molecular doses, like iron. It is also used in making things like concrete and cement. No wonder I felt so strong after eating it!"

As a result of the encounter Syrus was inspired to create power snacks called "Sand Bars," which are essentially chocolate-covered beach.

"The sand gives you strength and the tiny grains of seashell are fish-

been in stores, reaction has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I love them," said yoga instructor Doris Flint. "Not only do I have a lot of energy but I'm more alert. Plus, the sand makes them extra crunchy."

"Personally I think they taste like — well, dirt," said college student Dan Foster. "But I figure the worse something tastes the healthier it is, right?"

Inspired by the success of Sand Bars, Syrus has also been preparing a new kind of health drink.

"I've discovered that the algae which forms in the watery bottom of ships has great healing properties," he said. "A gulp of prevention will go a long way when my customers begin to 'Bilge' strong bodies!"

DIMPLES IN A PINCH

HALFWAY, Ore. – If you want your child to grow up with these cute little dimples on their cheeks, there is a surefire way to make it happen – pinch their cheeks!

The University of Southern Wayfield conducted a study of 50 dimpleless newborns, and after the six-month period of 10-times-a-day pinching, 46 developed pronounced dimples.

"It makes them so much cuter," said one of the researchers. "So tell all those dating

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS CLASSIC

YOU asked for it, you got it! Due to popular demand, we are digging deep into our dusty archives to present a series of classic *Weekly World News* exposés! If you have any particular favorites from years past that you've been pining to see, drop us a line!

TITANIC WAS SUNK

OSLO, Norway — Startling new evidence reveals that the *S.S. Titanic* was sunk in 1912 by a laser attack — from a space alien sub-marine!

By SCOTTY PAIN,
Weekly World News

A team of scientists reached that conclusion after years of research into the sinking of the gigantic luxury liner off the shores of Newfoundland.

"We discovered three huge holes on the starboard side of the ship below the waterline," said noted physicist Dr. Jens Lykke. "We have concluded that those holes could only have been made by laser beams fired from an underwater craft."

Prior to the scientists' shocking report, it was believed the 46,328-ton Titanic went down after plowing into an gigantic iceberg in the North Atlantic.

More than 1,500 passengers and crew members died in the tragedy.

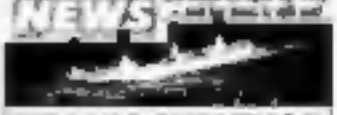
Dr. Lykke headed an international team of 10 scientists who determined that an alien spaceship capable of operating underwater was responsible for the Titanic disaster as well as the sinking of two other ships and an attack on a Greek trawler in the same area in mid-April of 1912.

Among the items of evidence:

● The Swedish ship Angelholm Bay lost radio contact with the outside world after its captain reported seeing a mysterious, oval-shaped object hovering over the vessel at 2:10 hours on April 15 — the day before the Titanic sank.

"The captain reported that the strange craft eventually landed in the sea 1,000 yards away and quickly submerged. That was the ship's last communication," Dr. Lykke said.

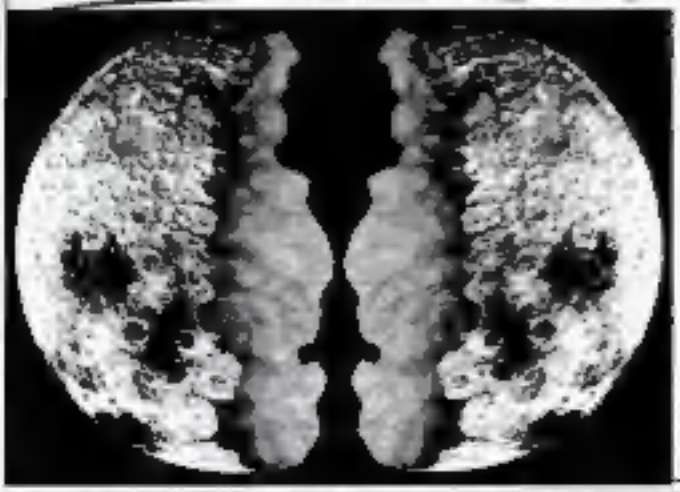
"Divers discovered the wreck-



TITANIC SURVIVOR FOUND ON ICEBERG

Three other ships reported similar attacks in 1912!

Lunar quake will tear moon in half WITHIN MONTHS, warns astronomer



DALLAS — Massive lunar quakes are splitting our moon in two and a leading astronomer says it's just a matter of time before it cracks in half — leaving a pair of smaller moons shining in its place!

"The quakes are continuous and, judging from my calculations, they'd be topping out at between 13 and 14 on the Richter scale — if the Richter scale even went that high," Italian astronomer Dr. Silvano Botta said in an interview here.

"At this rate, the moon can't possibly remain intact for more than five or six months. It's splitting in two and as much as I'd like to say otherwise, there's not a thing we can do about it."

Dr. Botta's alarming claim, first made public in a scientific report published just weeks ago, has other worried astronomers scrambling to verify his data.

Virtually all of them have conceded that the moon is being rocked by quakes of unprecedented intensity. "My colleagues know, as well as I do that the implications in all this are almost beyond comprehension," Dr. Botta said.

"Because the moon controls the tides, the changes on the high seas and along the world's shorelines will be quite dramatic. It is likely that our seas

Dr. Botta

WORRIED: President Bill Clinton.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS CLASSIC

BY SPACE ALIEN SUB!

E.T. laser beams zapped giant ocean liner, say scientists

age of the Angelfruim Ship at the bottoms of the ocean off the Greenland coast. Six holes clearly made by lasers were found in the hull."

● At 1350 hours on April 14, the captain of the Spanish trawler *La Estrella Norte* radioed he was under attack by a bizarre-looking airship with the ability to maneuver atop and under water. The craft, he said, was firing "deadly rays of light."

"The captain's last message was picked up by a ham radio operator in Ireland," Dr. Lykke said. "*La Estrella Norte* was never heard from again."

● The Greek trawler *Constantina* limped into Newfoundland shortly before dawn on April 15, less than 24 hours after the Titanic went down.

"Captain Aris Nicolaidis reported that the *Constantina* had been attacked by a strange aircraft that 'mulled' his ship," Dr. Lykke said. "Sixteen crew members gave identical accounts of the attack, but there is no record their stories were ever investigated.

"But we have investigated," the physicist added, "and there is no doubt in our minds that the spaceship that attacked the *Constantina* and the other vessels in the North Atlantic also sent the mighty Titanic to the bottom of the sea."

BELOW: Map of the North Atlantic Ocean shows the route of the S.S. Titanic on its journey to doom. ABOVE: Frightened passengers flee the sinking ship after it was blasted by laser beams from an alien sub.

will become unsettlingly calm, not much rougher than a landlocked lake or pond.

"And the psychological impact around the world could be even greater.

"Studies have proven that the moon dramatically affects human behavior, and with two of them hanging in the sky instead of one, those effects are definitely going to intensify."

A White House insider said President Clinton is aware of Dr. Bacon's warning and is "gravely concerned about what effect the splitting of the moon might have upon life here on Earth."

EXTRATERRESTRIALS INVADE INTERNET!

A whopping 27 percent of Internet users are actually extraterrestrials, a top expert claims.

Spanish physicist Andres Torejon says more than a quarter of communications are targeted at the computer network come from outer space, replacing impulses generated by Earthlings.

Torejon said he's concerned aliens are learning too much about humanity through their presence online.

Chinese discover UFO repair manual!

BEIJING — The Chinese claim to have found a UFO repair manual that will help them build a flying saucer of their own by 1999.

"The key to interplanetary flight is in our hands — right now, today," boasted astrophysicist Dr. Yu Huit-chang. "The manual contains the blueprints for everything we will need."

The scientist refused to say where the Chinese discovered the 700-page manual, but he said it is written in a mathematical language that almost any scientist could understand.

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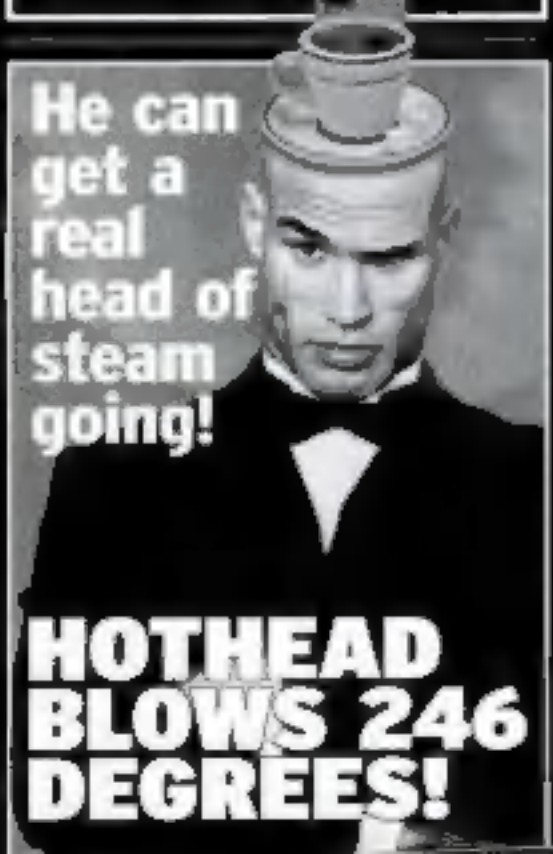

He can get a real head of steam going!

HOTHEAD BLOWS 246 DEGREES!

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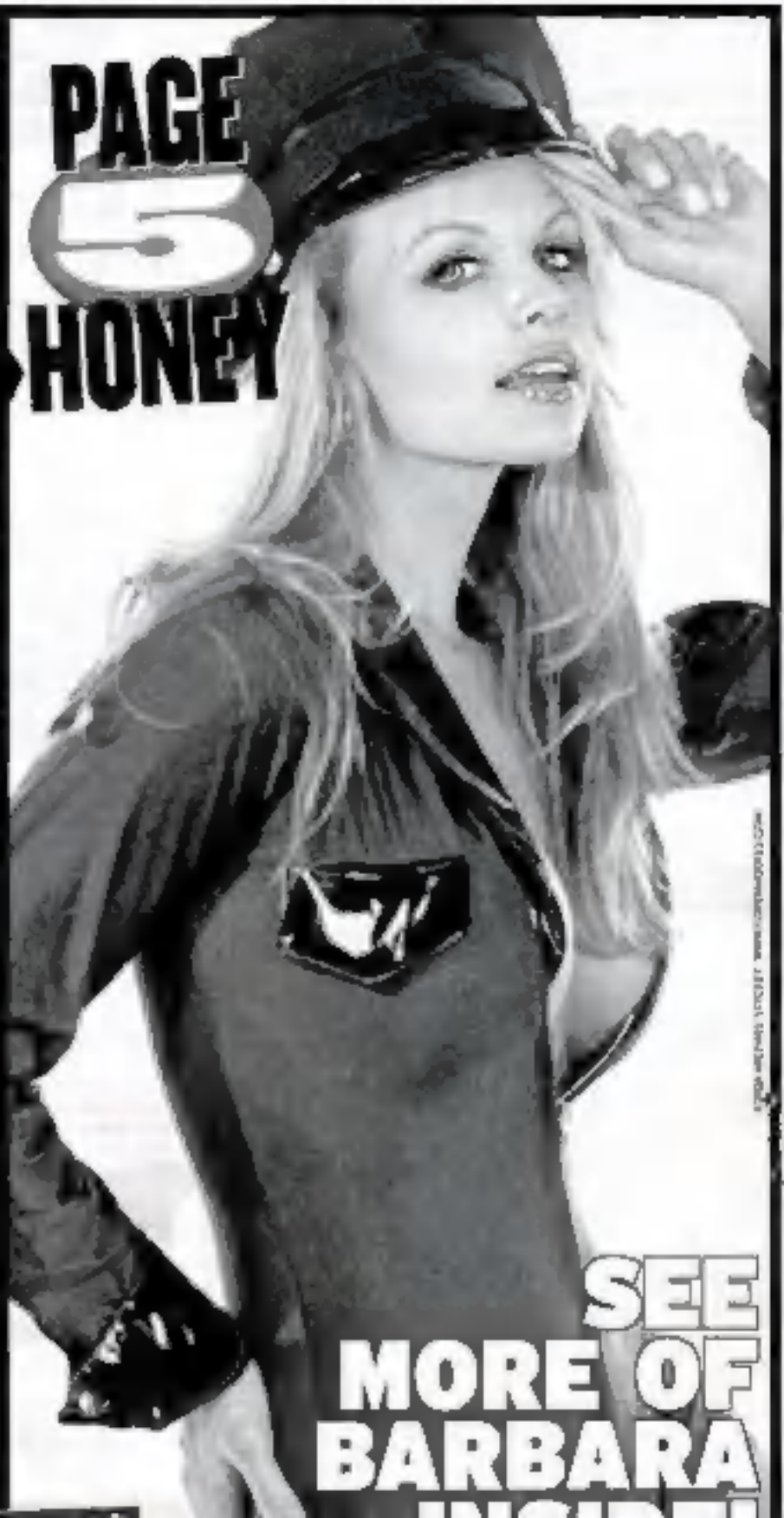

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